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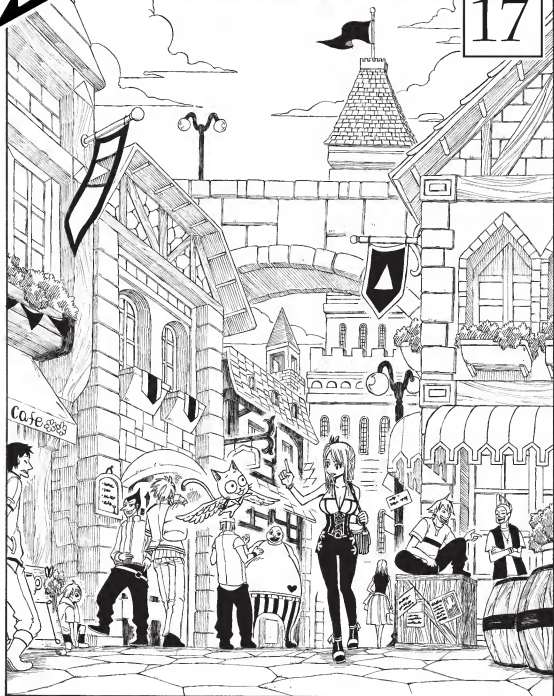


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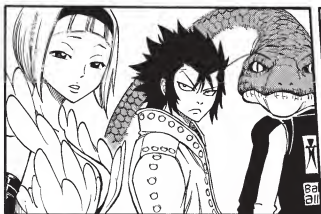
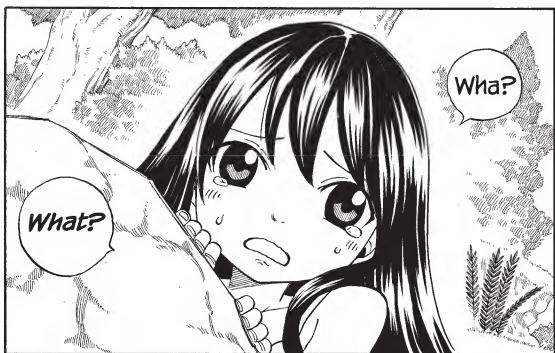
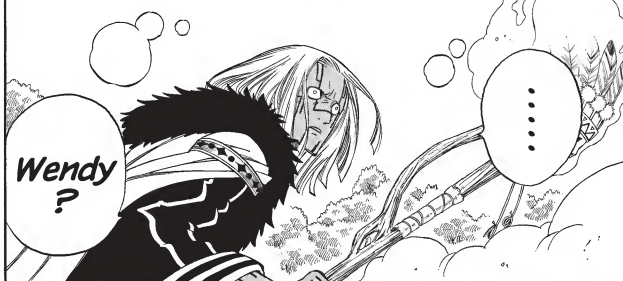
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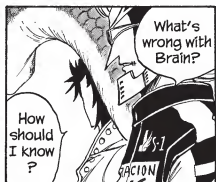
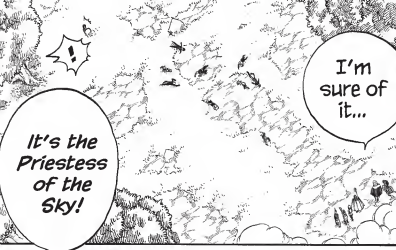


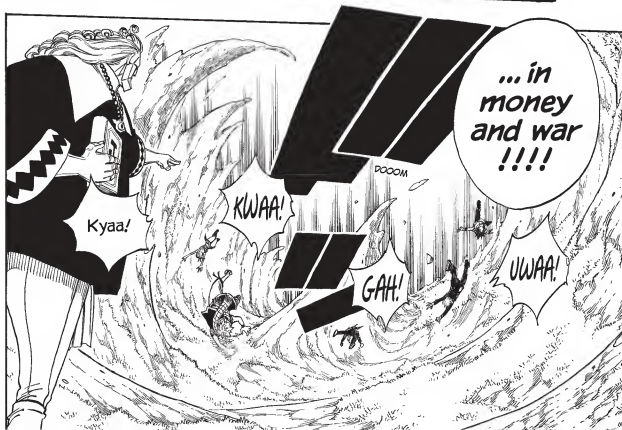
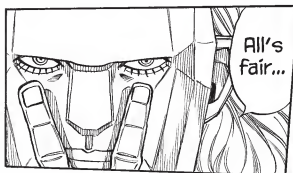
Chapter 135: Priestess of the Sky

Remarks

In his youth, he learned Ice Make Magic with fellow student Gray under the tutelage of Ur. He was defeated by Gray in a battle to determine the fate of Ur's mortal enemy, Deliora. After that, he entered the guild Lamia Scale. While Gray uses his Ice Make to create inanimate objects like weapons, Lyon's specialty is making animated ice creatures. In the past, he would disregard Ur's teaching and use one-handed Ice Make, but later relearned two-handed Ice Make and has since progressed rapidly. He quickly rose to the level of guild ace and, accordingly, takes high-level jobs.

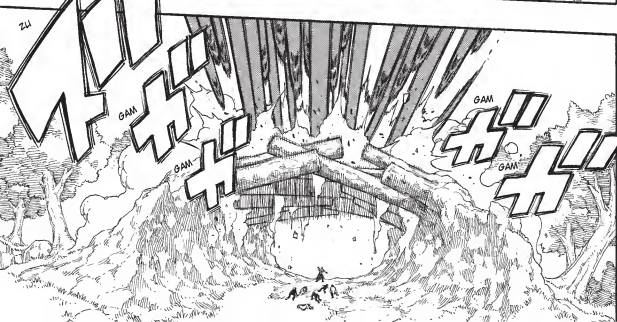
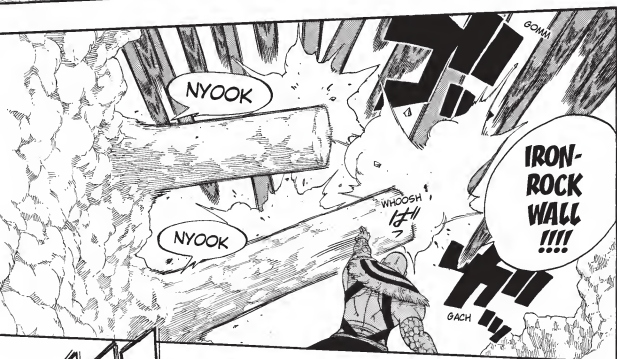








Everybody
down!!!

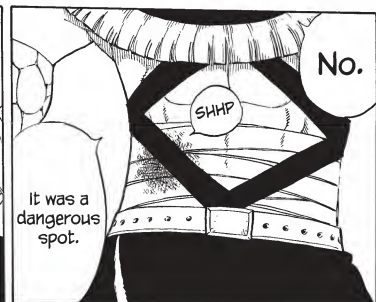
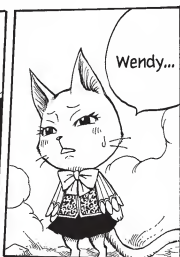
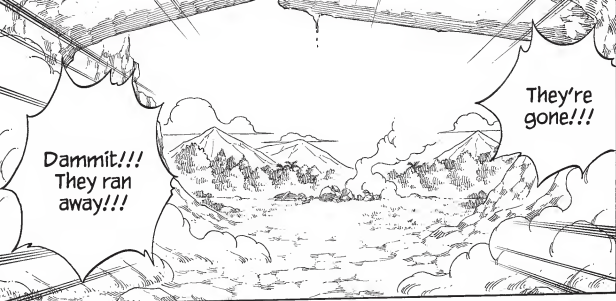


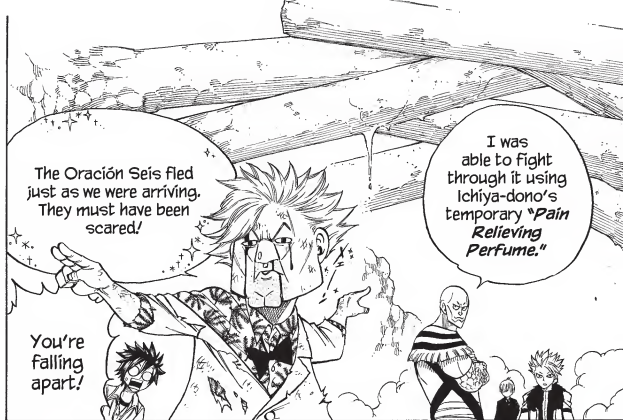


Jura-sama !!!

You saved us. Thank you.

And a no-hidden-meaning "thank you" to you too.





The Oración Seis fled
just as we were arriving.
They must have been
scared!

I was
able to fight
through it using
Ichiya-dono's
temporary "Pain
Relieving
Perfume."

You're
falling
apart!



My pain...is
gradually fading
away...



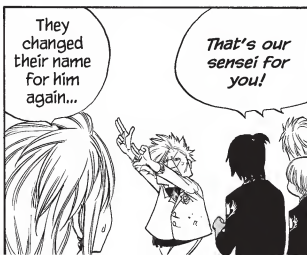
It
smells
nice!



Everyone
partake of my
Pain Relieving
Perfume!

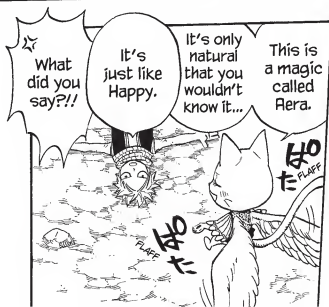
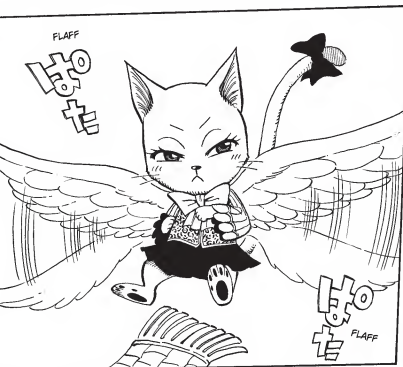


They took...
Wendy and
Happy...

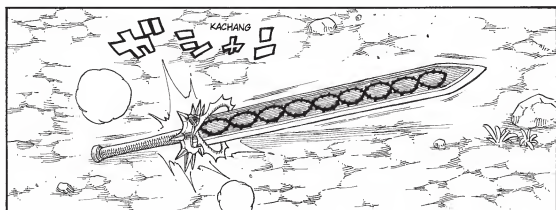
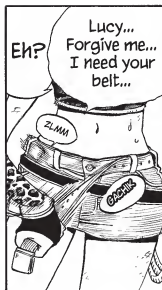
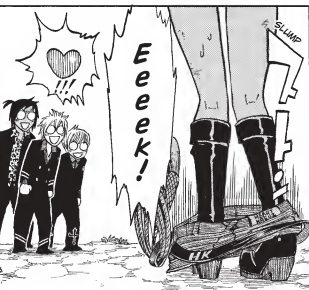


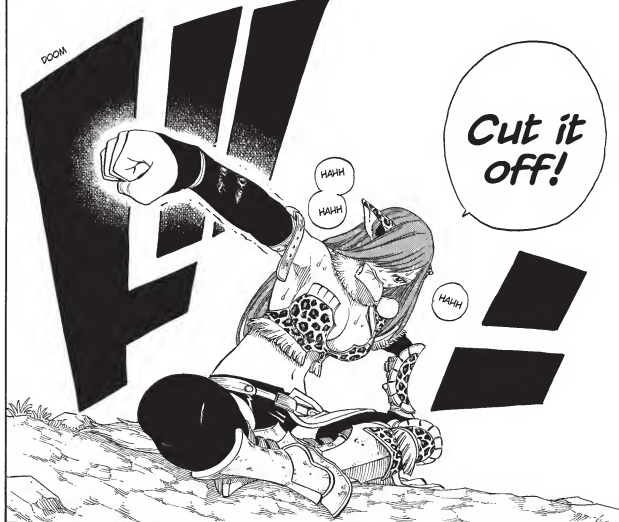
They
changed
their name
for him
again...

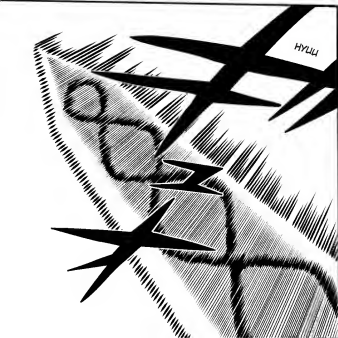
That's our
sensei for
you!

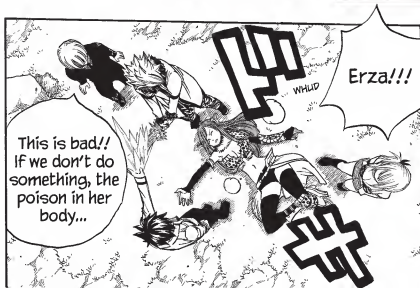
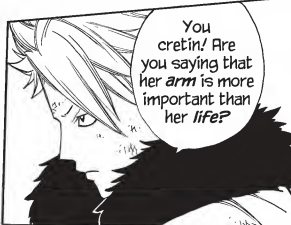
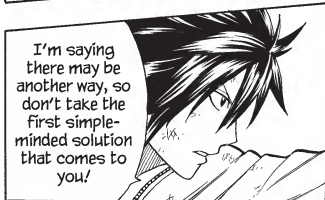


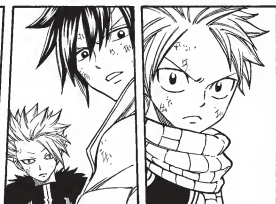
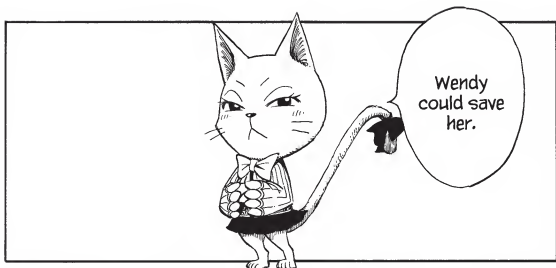


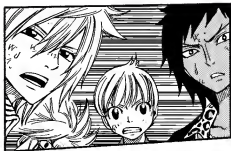






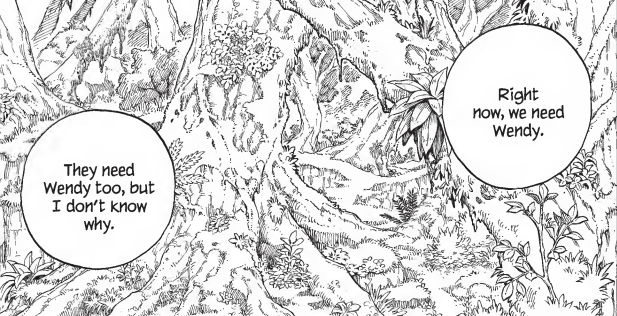






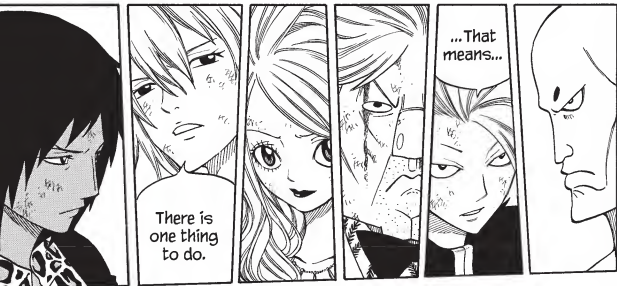
**She is a
sky dragon
slayer.**

**Sky
Dragon
Wendy.**



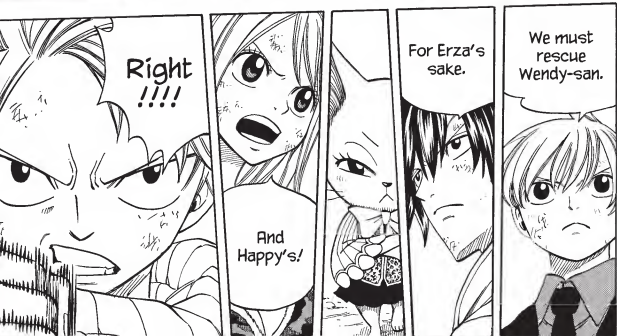
They need
Wendy too, but
I don't know
why.

Right
now, we need
Wendy.



There is
one thing
to do.

...That
means...



Right
!!!!

And
Happy's!

For Erza's
sake.

We must
rescue
Wendy-san.

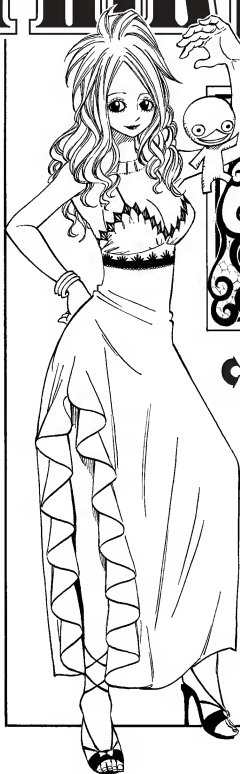


*Let's
go
!!!!*

*yes
!!!!*

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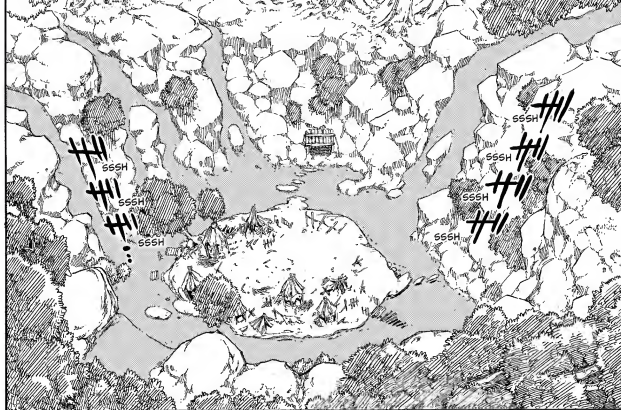
LAMIA SCALE	
Name: Sherry Blendy	Age: 17
Magic: Doll Attack Magic	
Likes: Love (her teacher)	Dislikes: Water



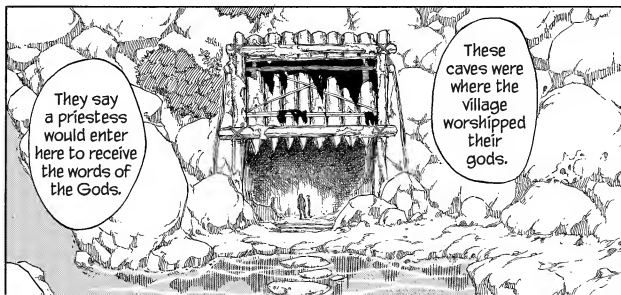
Chapter 136: Coffin

Remarks

She holds a grudge against Deliora, who murdered both her parents when she was very young. At one point, she left Lamia Scale to follow Lyon in an attempt to take down the demon. After that, she returned to Lamia Scale and started to take on jobs in earnest. Her magic is Doll Attack Magic, with which she can manipulate anything non-human: trees, rocks, even Celestial Spirits. She claims that when she turned seventeen, she gave herself something of an attitude makeover.

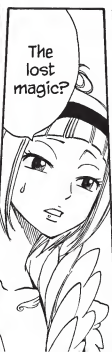
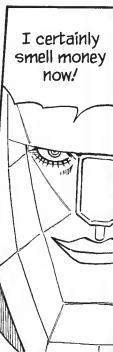
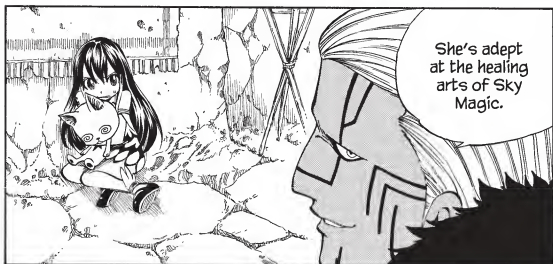


This
was the
capital of
an ancient
civiliza-
tion.

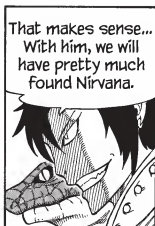


They say
a priestess
would enter
here to receive
the words of
the Gods.

These
caves were
where the
village
worshipped
their gods.







That makes sense...
With him, we will
have pretty much
found Nirvana.



Even at
my fastest,
it'll take an
hour.

Racer, bring
him here.

Whatever
it takes.



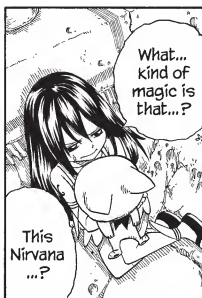
I don't
think Mid
is interest-
ed in going
anywhere
...

There
is always that
one-in-a-million
chance. Midnight
and I will
remain here.

But we won't
need to if that
guy is revived.

Cobra,
Hoteye,
Angel...

...go out and
continue your
search for
Nirvana.



What...
kind of
magic is
that...?

This
Nirvana
...?

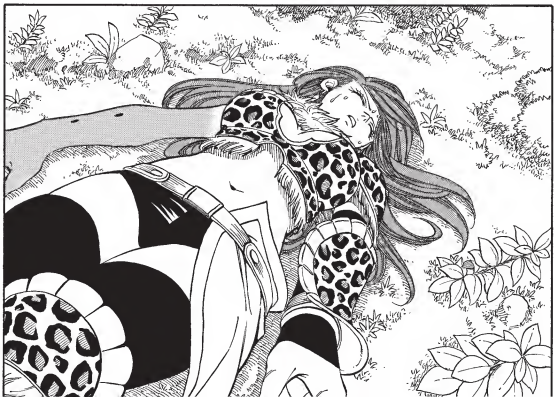
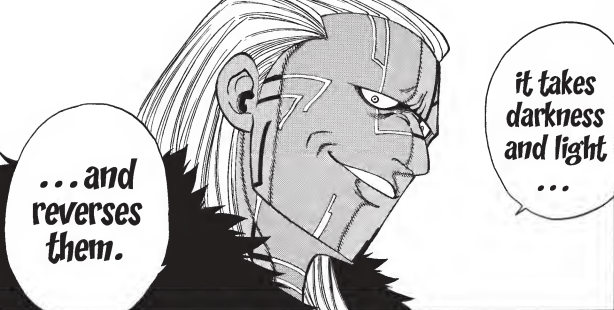


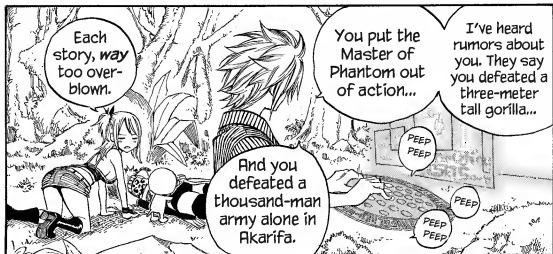
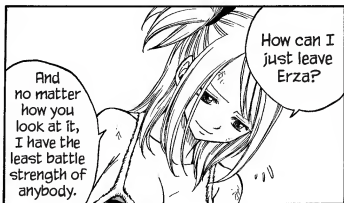
...gets a *million*
jewels!!!
I'm in!!!

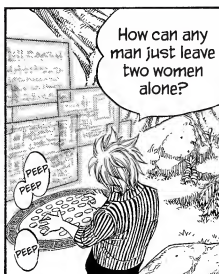
Hey, you
want to make
a competi-
tion of it?
The first to
find it...

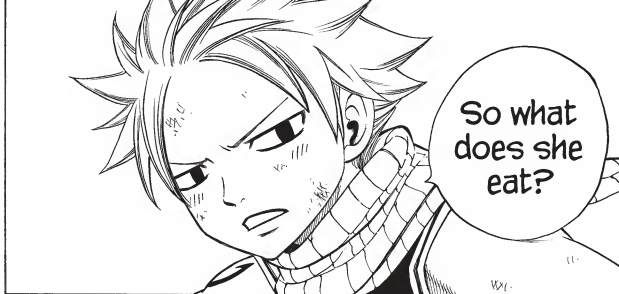
Okay,
I guess
we're
heading
out.

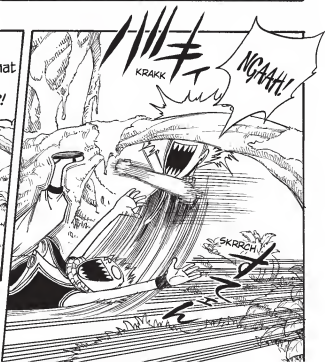
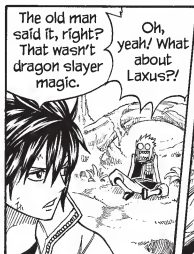
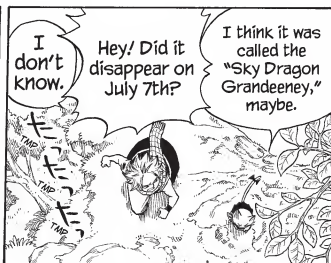
Way
too
much.

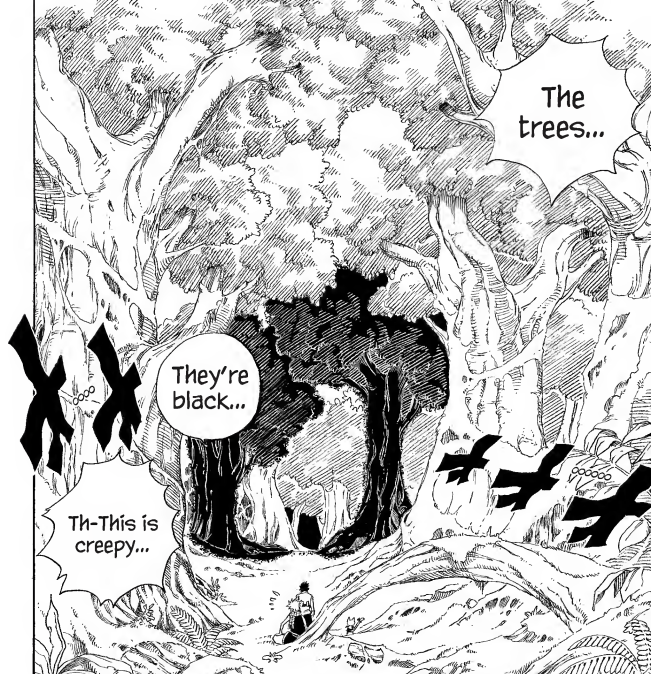












The
trees...

They're
black...

Th-This is
creepy...

Who
?!!

Waahoo! It's such
a powerful magic
that the earth
itself is dying, *Big
Brother Gatô!*

They say it's
from the influence
of Nirvana,
*Big Brother
Zatô.*

W-Wait a moment...

RUSSLE

RUSSLE

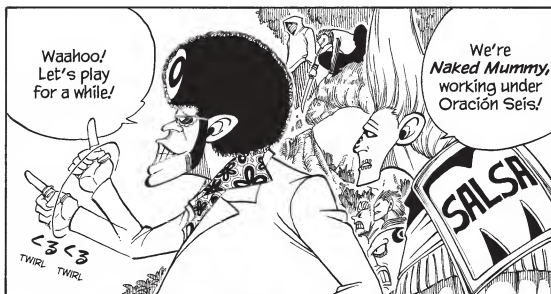
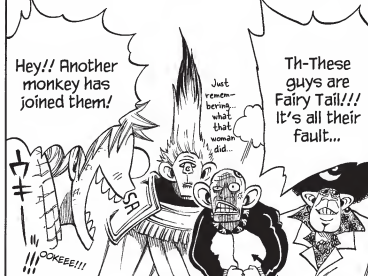


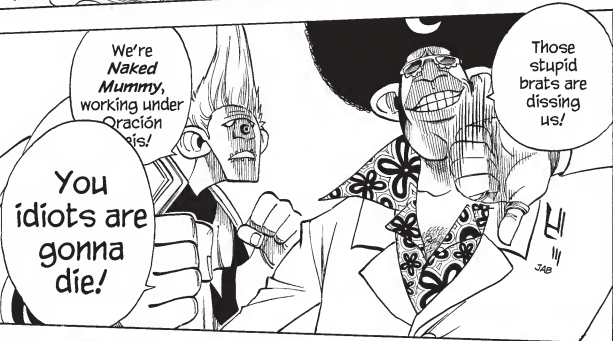
We're surrounded !!!!

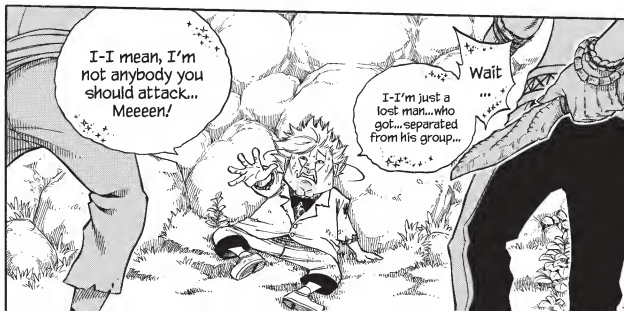
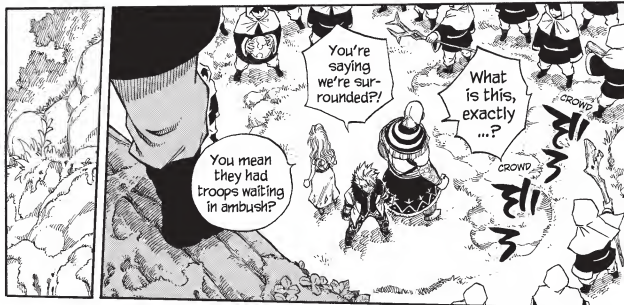
Did I, Big Brother Zatô?

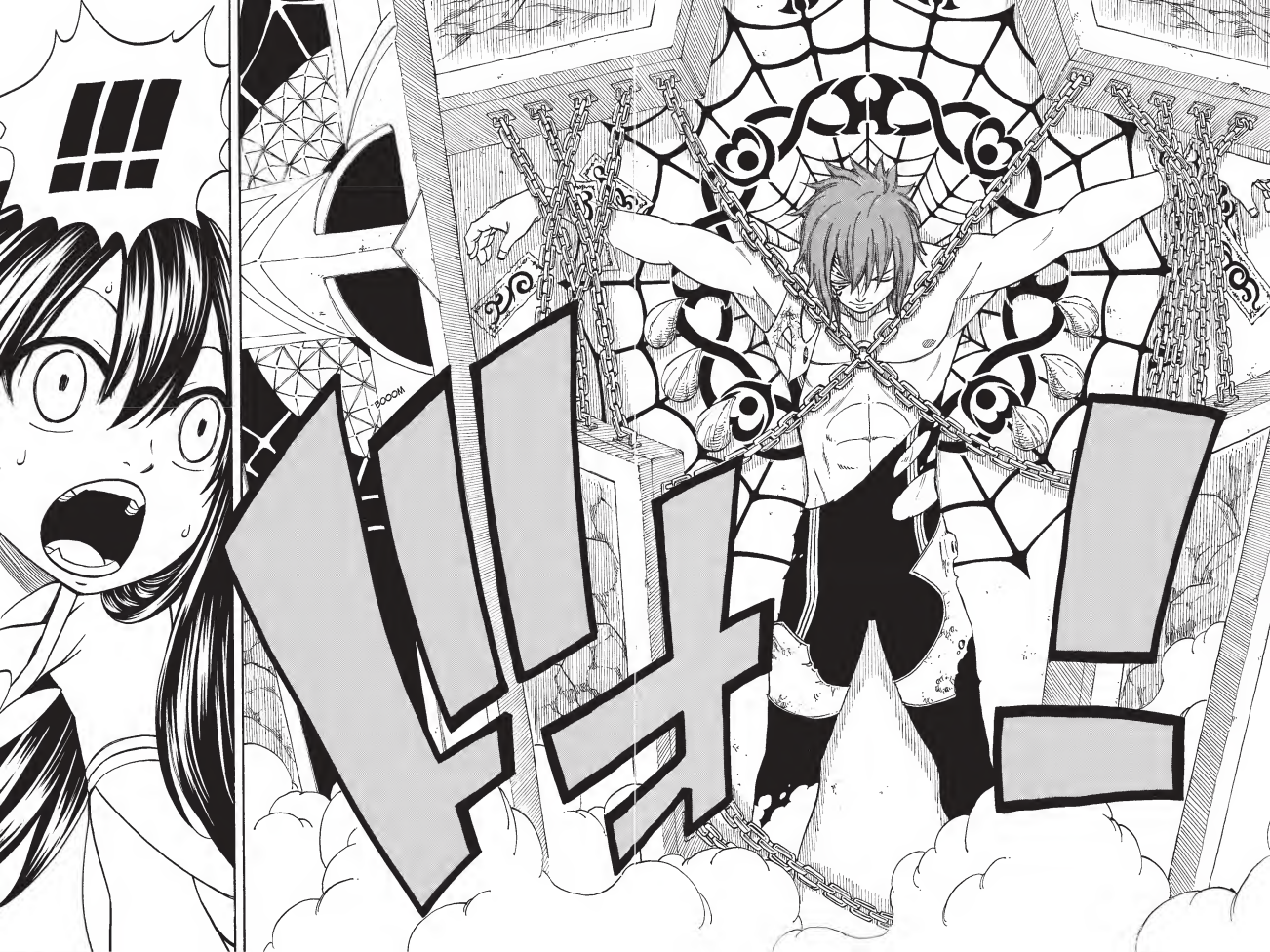
You already said that, Big Brother Gatô.

They it's the presence of ana...







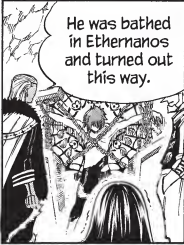




In other words, he is a man who knows where Nirvana is.

The man is named **Jellal!**

At one time, he even infiltrated the Magic Council.



He was bathed in Ethernanos and turned out this way.

You **know** him?!

Jellal...

Wha? Whaa?!

Jellal...?!



You owe him... your **life**, right?

You're the only one who can bring him back.

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LAMIA SCALE

Name: Jura Neekis

Age: 27

Magic: Master of All Earth Magics

Likes: His guild

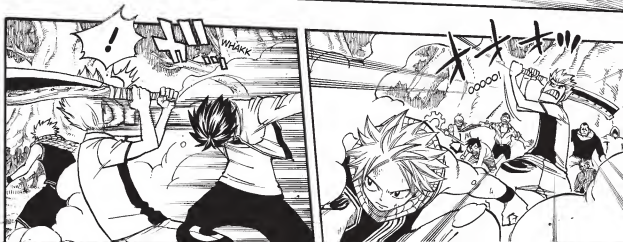
Dislikes: Green peas

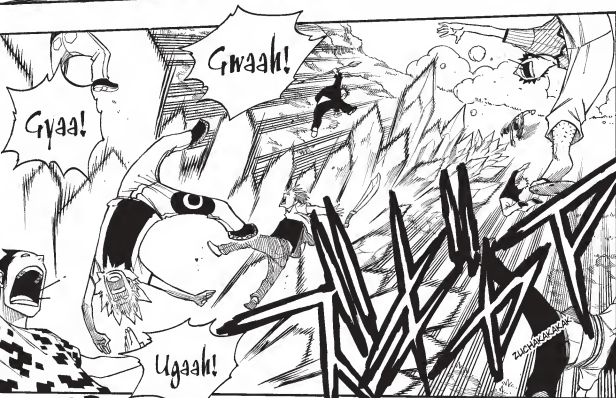
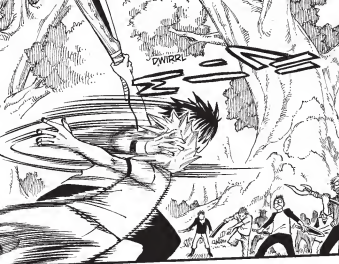


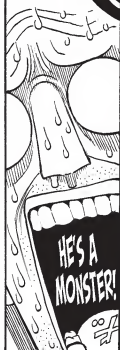
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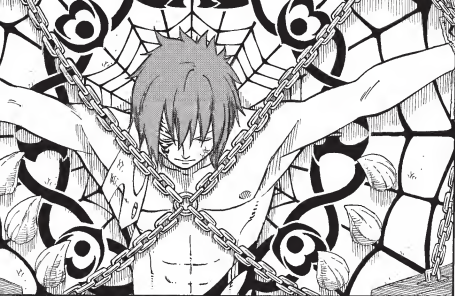
Jura is considered the ace of the Lamia Scale guild and one of the ten wizard saints (those judged to be the ten best wizards on the continent). He is extremely powerful in Earth-type Magics; because he can take the softest sand and change it into iron-hard rock, he has been given the name Iron Rock Jura. He loves his guild and looks after its members, including Lyon and Sherry. Once while snacking on green peas as a child, he accidentally popped a green caterpillar into his mouth and can no longer stomach green peas.

Chapter 137: The Girl and the Ghost



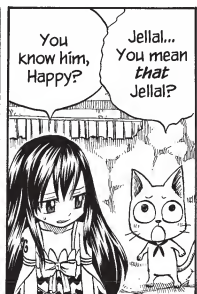






He used the council to fire Etherion at us!

Know him?! He was the guy who tried to murder Erza!

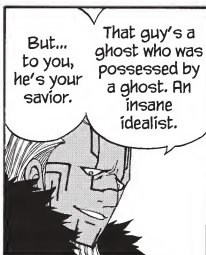


You know him, Happy?

Jellal... You mean *that* Jellal?



No!!! You mustn't, for any reason, bring that guy back !!!



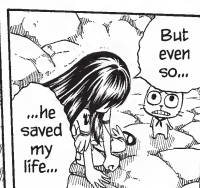
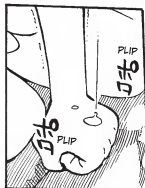
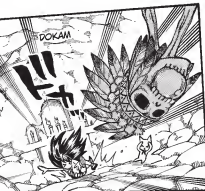
But... to you, he's your savior.

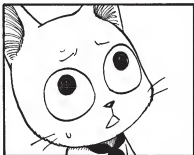
That guy's a ghost who was possessed by a ghost. An insane idealist.

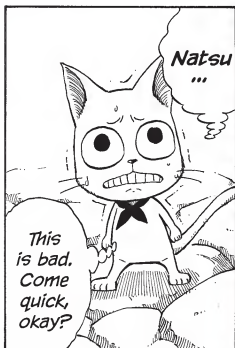
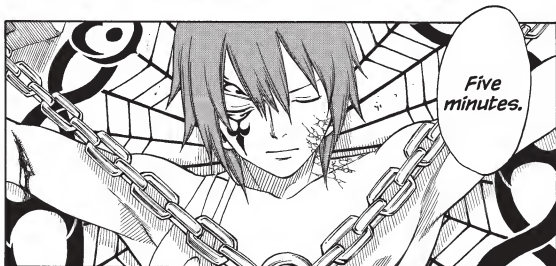
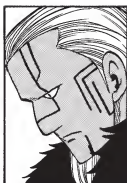


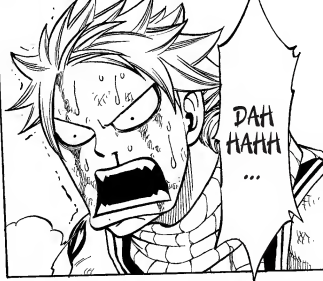
So he's still alive...

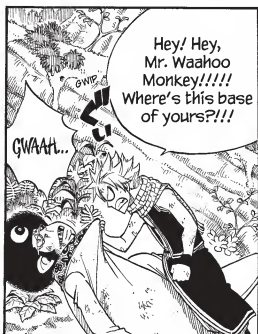
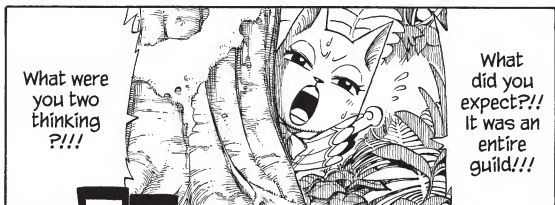
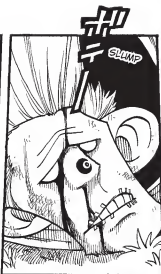
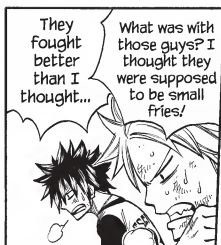
I guess that was true, huh...?

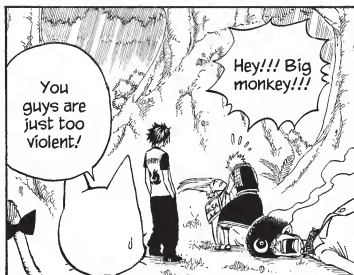


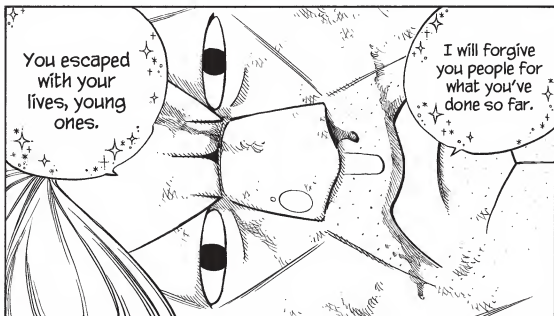
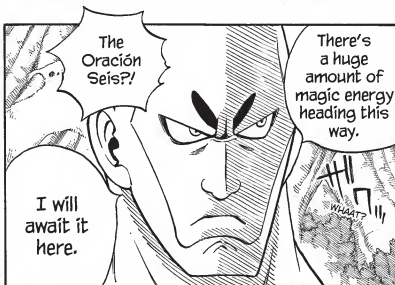
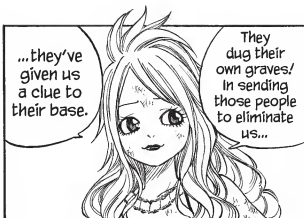


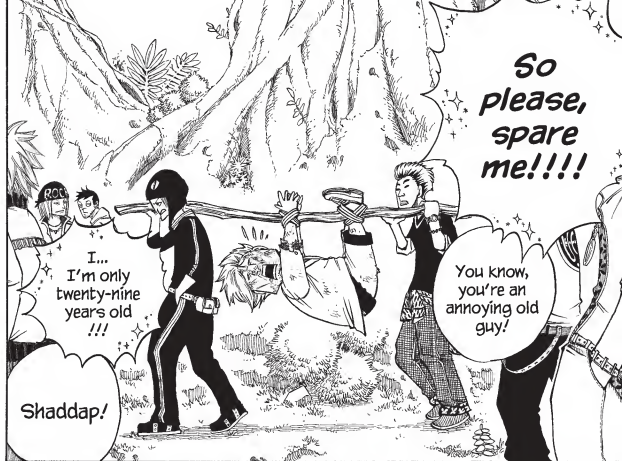










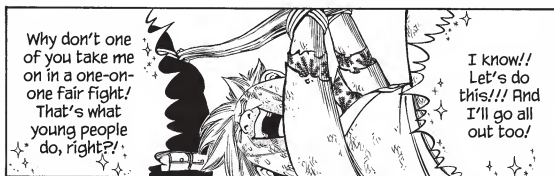


**So
please,
spare
me!!!!**

I...
I'm only
twenty-nine
years old
!!!

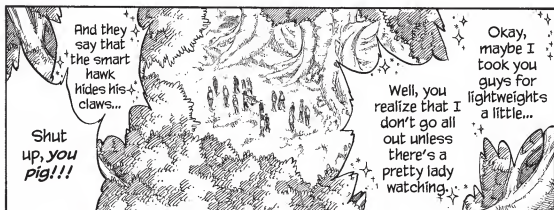
You know,
you're an
annoying old
guy!

Shaddap!



Why don't one
of you take me
on in a one-on-
one fair fight!
That's what
young people
do, right?!

I know!!
Let's do
this!!! And
I'll go all
out too!



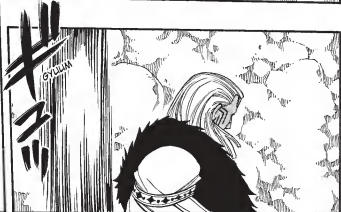
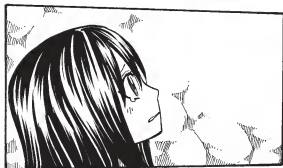
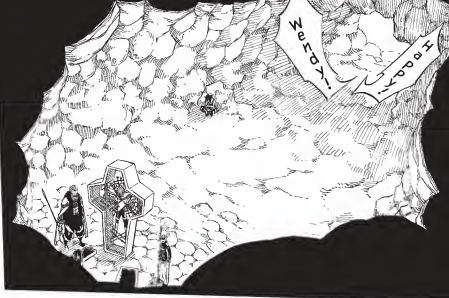
And they
say that
the smart
hawk
hides his
claws...

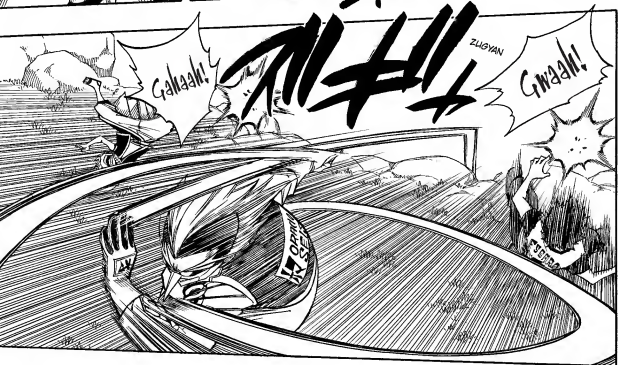
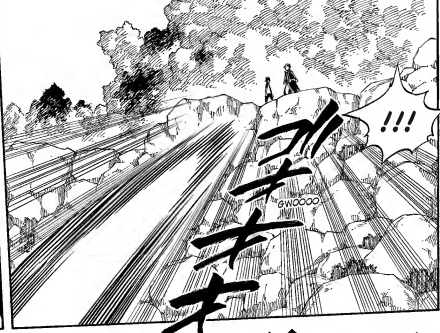
**Shut
up, you
pig!!!**

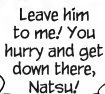
Okay,
maybe I
took you
guys for
lightweights
a little...

Well, you
realize that I
don't go all
out unless
there's a
pretty lady
watching.





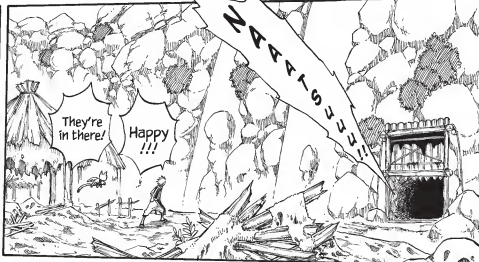
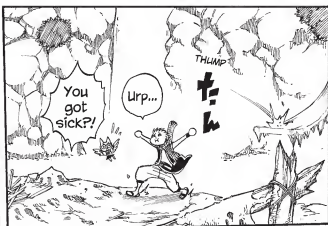
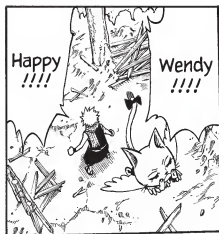






You just
slipped and
fell. That's
all.

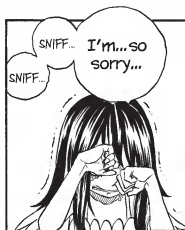
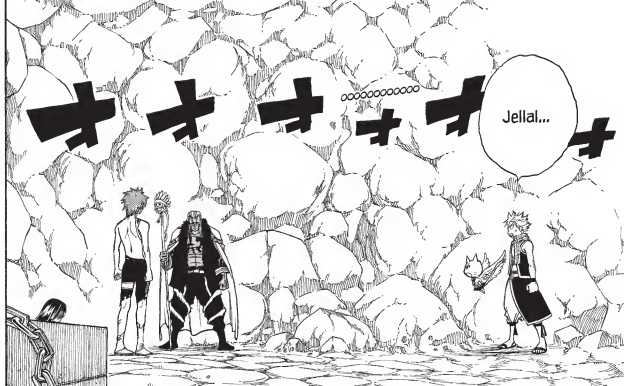
So you
managed to
stop
me, huh?





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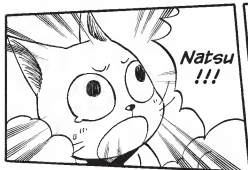


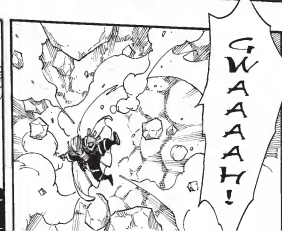
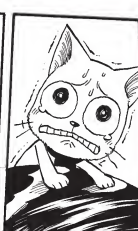
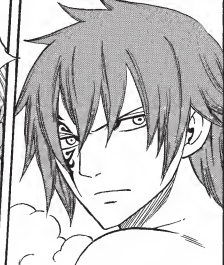


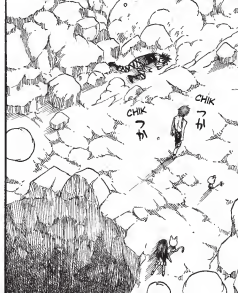


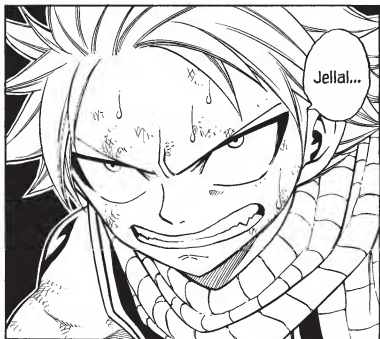
Wh-
What...are
you doing
here...?!

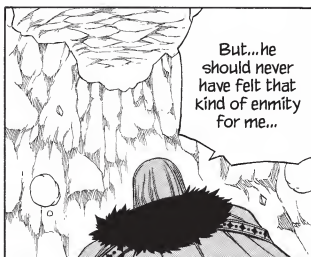


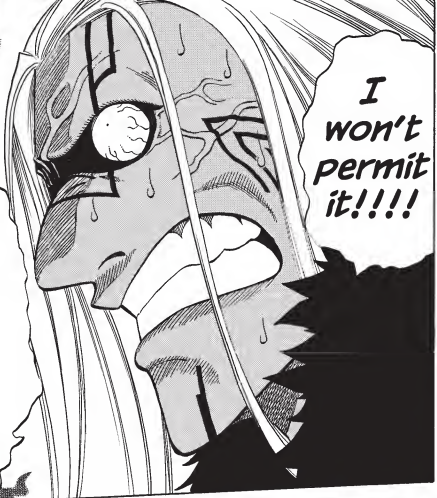






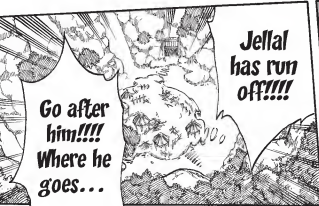






That
belongs
to us!!!!
I won't
hand it
over to
anyone
else!!!!

*I
won't
permit
it!!!!*

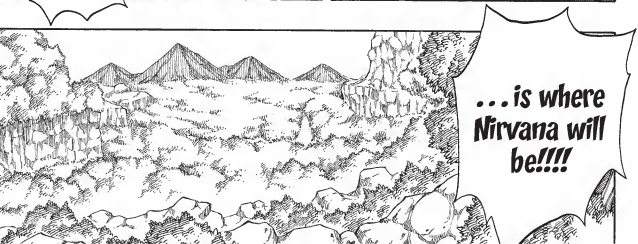


Go after
him!!!!
Where he
goes...

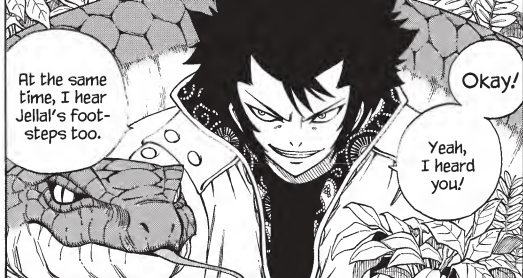
Jellal
has run
off!!!!



Cobra!!!!
Do you
hear
me!!!!



...is where
Nirvana will
be!!!!



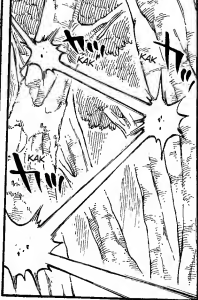


My code
name is
Racer.



How fast
can that
guy go
...?

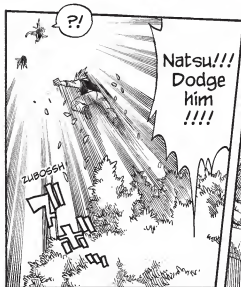
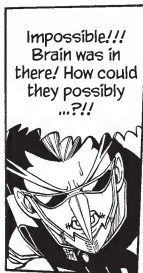
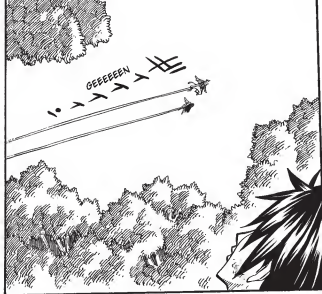
Hey,
creep
...!



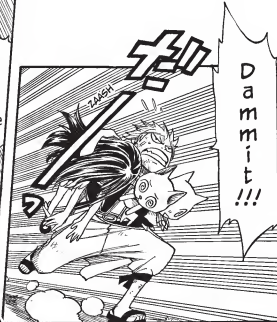
I'm faster
than anyone.
Faster than
anything!

I just
run.

ORACIÓN
SEIS
RACER









But...you used up too much of your magic power!



HAHH

HAHH

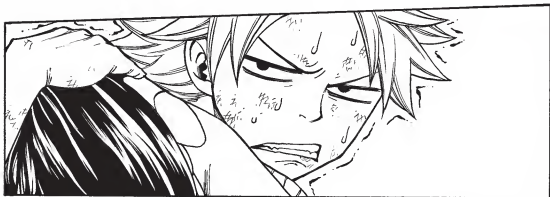
HAHH





**Go!!!
Get to
Erza
!!!!**

**I'll die
before I
let him get
beyond this
point!!!!**

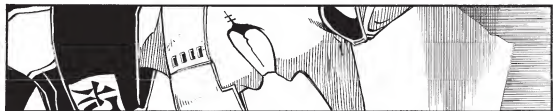


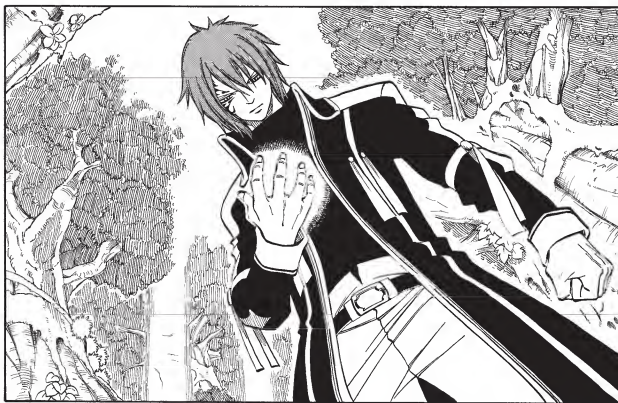
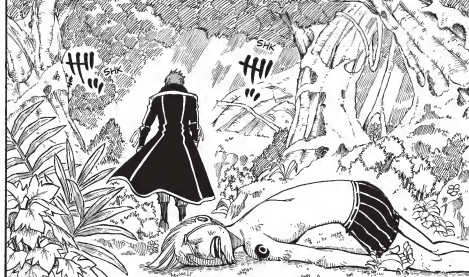
**Of
course
she is!**

**Erza's
going to
live!!! You
hear me
?!!!**

!! ZHOOM !!

**Hyooooo
!!!!**





FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



BLUE PEGASUS

Name:
Ichiya Vandalay Kotobuki (29)

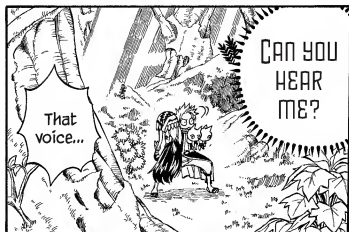
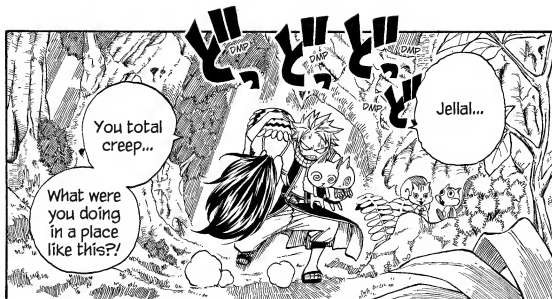
Magic: **Perfume Magic**

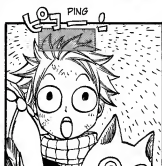
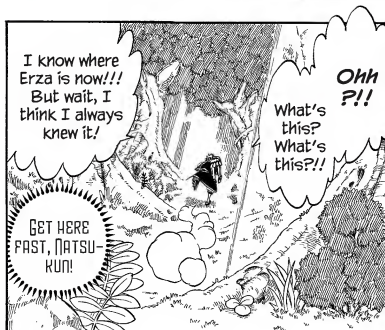
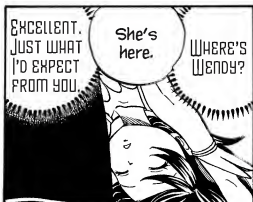
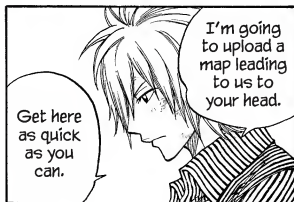
Likes: Every woman in the world
Dislikes: Stinky things

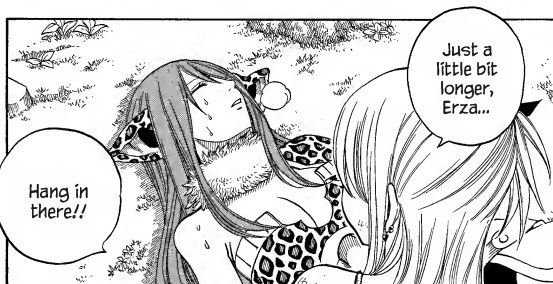
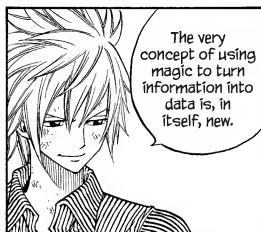
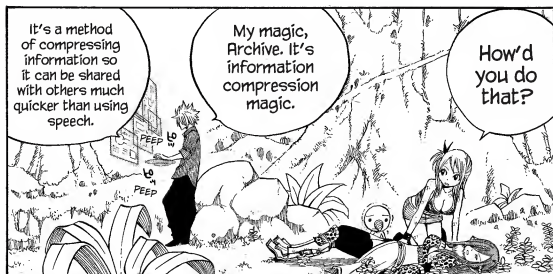


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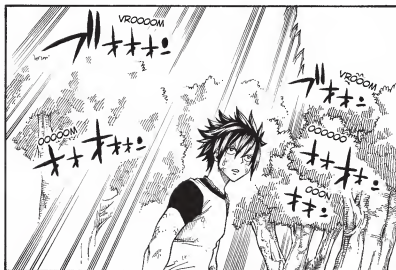
The black sheep of Blue Pegasus, a guild famous for gathering beautiful men and women. His magic puts out odors that create all kinds of effects, and he keeps these perfumes in flasks that he carries with him. Considered an effective wizard in his guild, he loves it when the junior members call him by respectful names. He fell in love with Erza the moment he saw her at a guild masters' dinner.

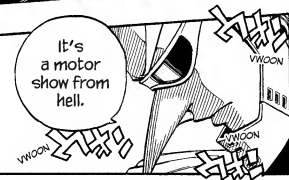
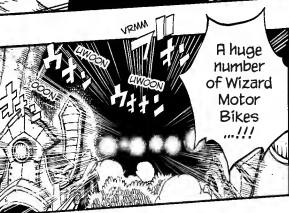
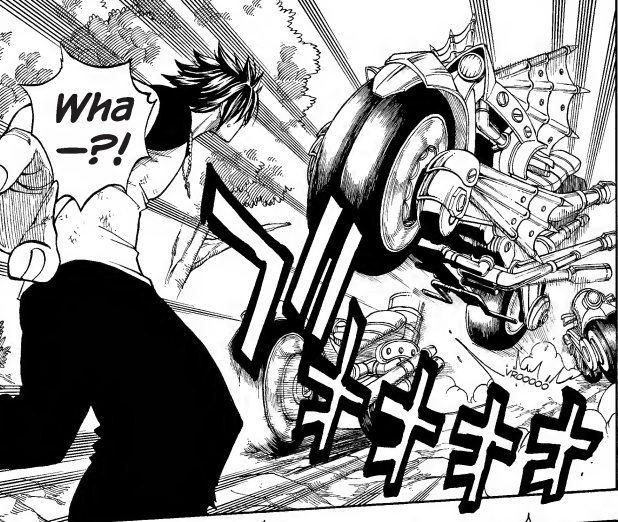


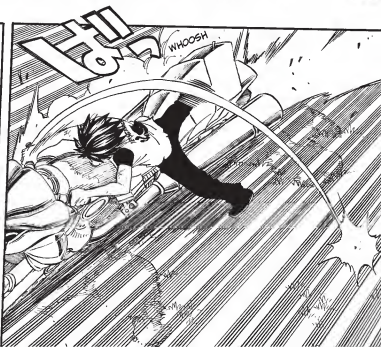




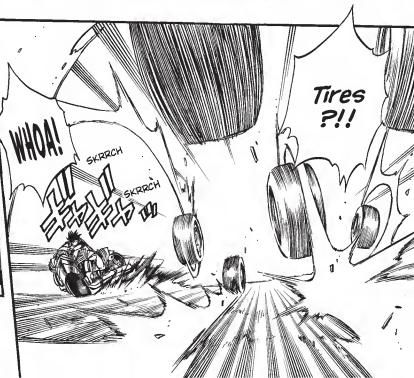
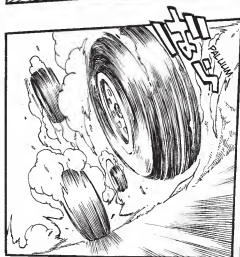


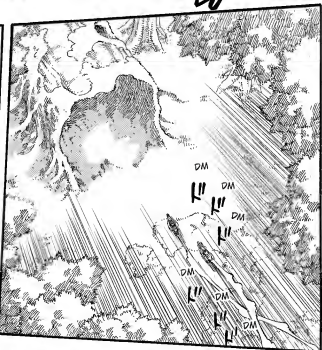




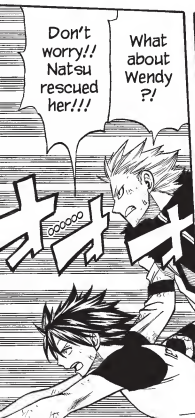
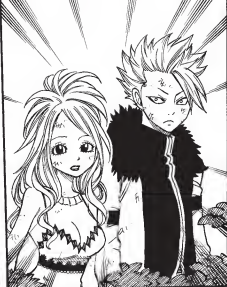
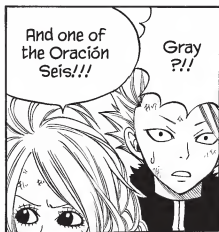














And I'll show you the basics of creation magic!

Then you should watch very closely!

Don't give me that!



Hmph!



But I'm kind of hoping you can take this guy out for me.

I can't use my magic very well while driving.

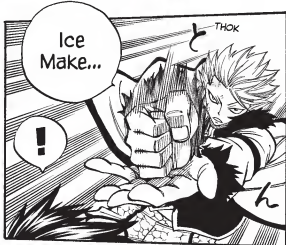


You...

...use both hands now...?



"You're such a waste, you haven't changed. You still have to use both hands in your magic."

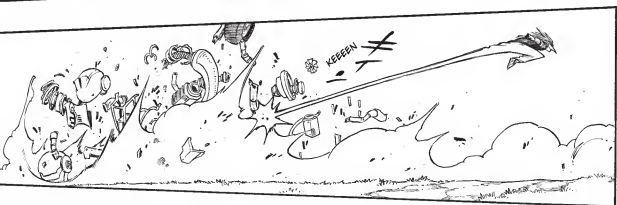


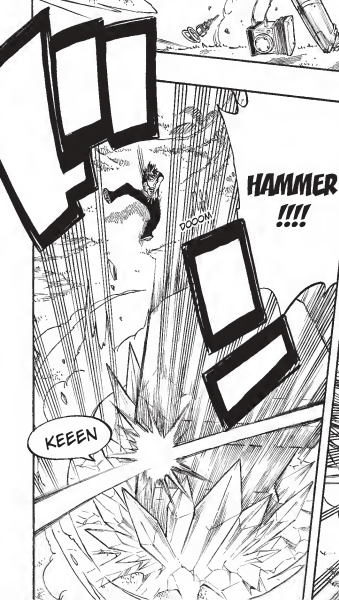
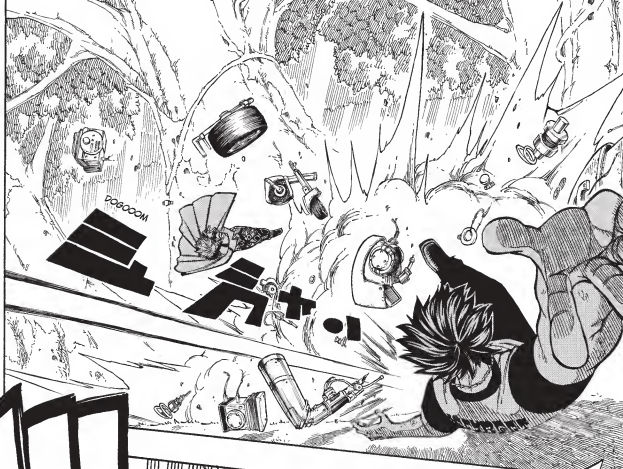
Ice Make...

!



That's what our teacher taught us, right?





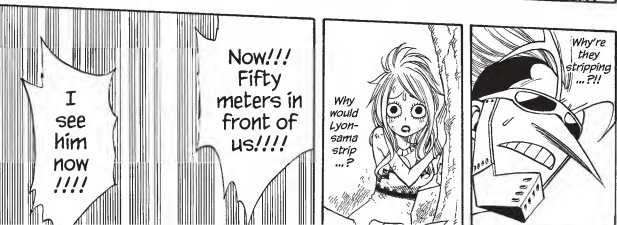
**HAMMER
!!!!**

KEEN



Ice Make...
Ape!!!!

KEEN



**SNOW
DRAGON
!!!!**

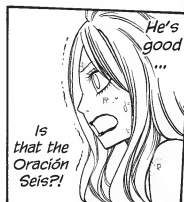
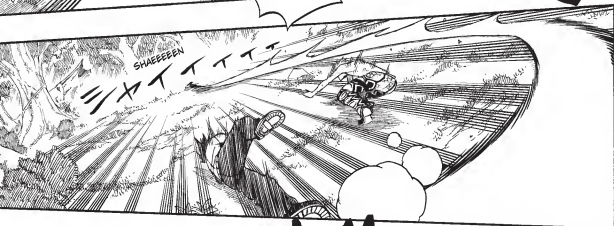
**ICE
GEYSER
!!!!**

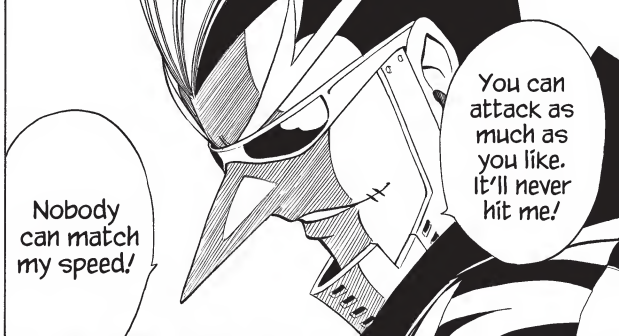


He sped
up even
more!!!



Wha-
?!!





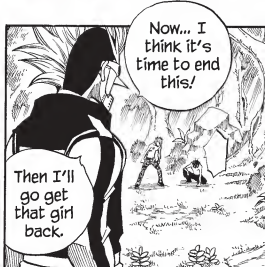
Nobody
can match
my speed!

You can
attack as
much as
you like.
It'll never
hit me!



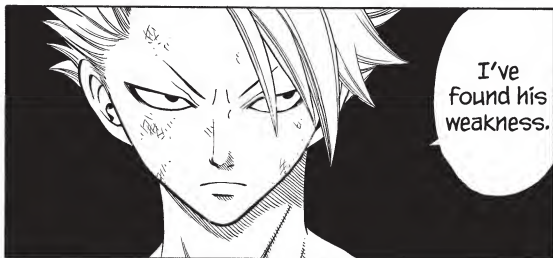
?!

I need
your full
attention,
Gray.



Now... I
think it's
time to end
this!

Then I'll
go get
that girl
back.



I've
found his
weakness.

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

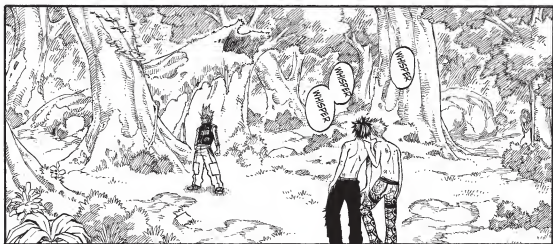


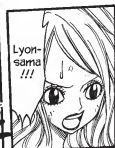
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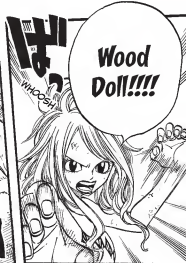
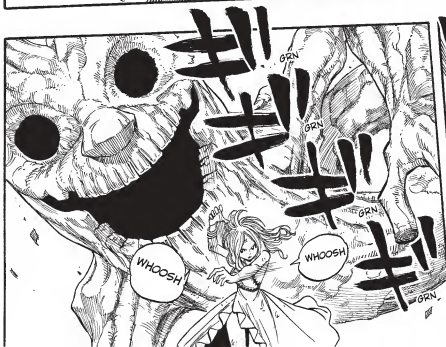
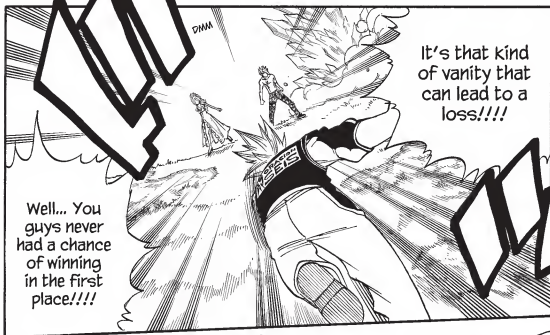
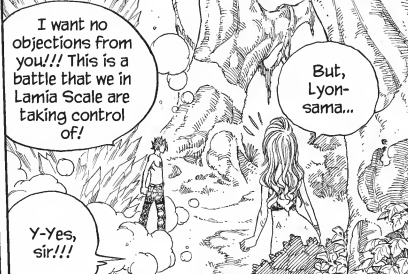
A long-time top-ranker in the Weekly Sorcerer's poll of "Wizards You Wish Were Your Boyfriend." They say that many female wizards bewitched by his looks try to join Blue Pegasus.

Archive magic lets information be compressed and sent to a recipient. He can also organize information and oversee battles. He has no steady girlfriend, but there are always rumors flying about who he's seeing. A legend states that he has dated 18 women at the same time (the truth is unconfirmed).

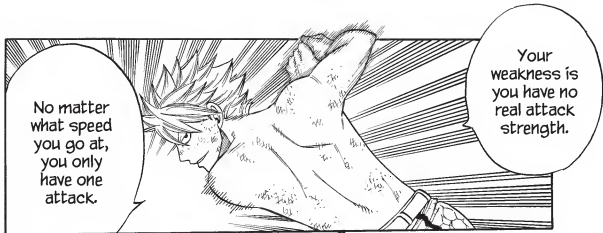
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Slow Speed World

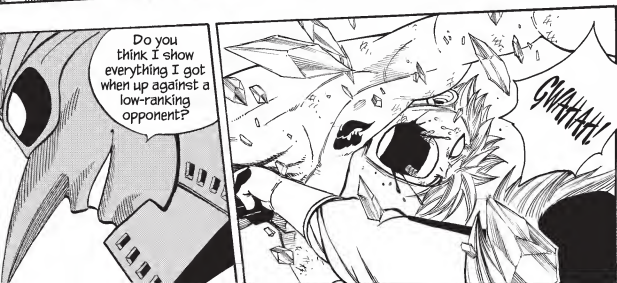
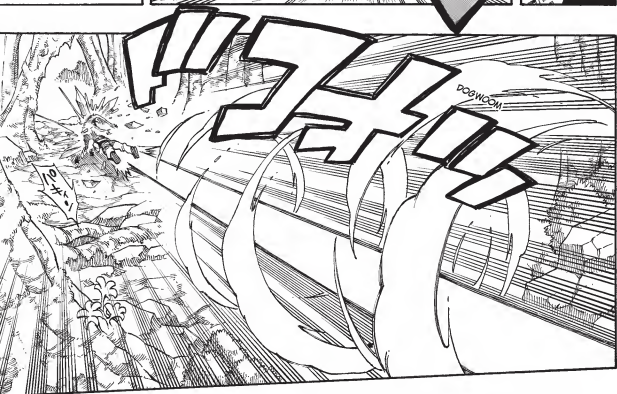
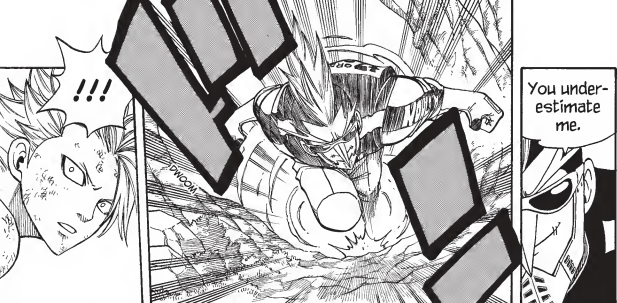


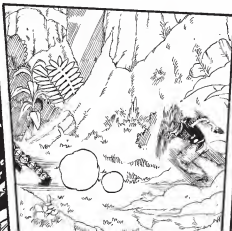
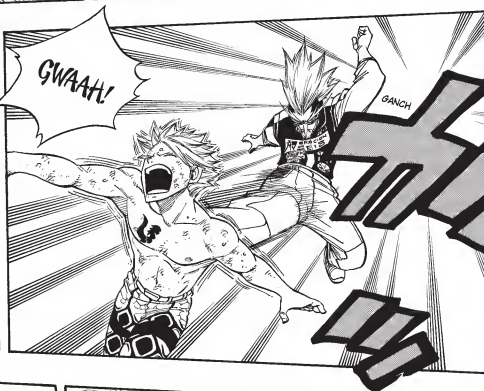


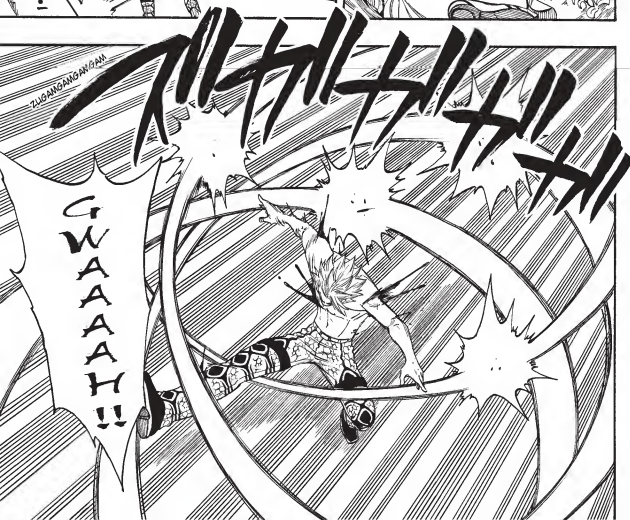
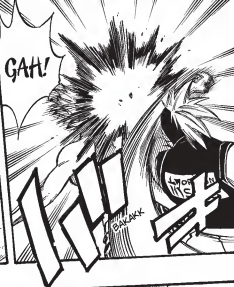


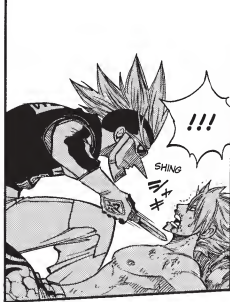












With my speed,
no matter what
kind of magic
you try, I can
cut your throat
first.



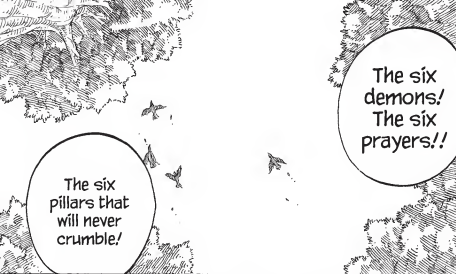
You said
that I always
use the same
attack, huh?

But for
attacks
like this,
my little
blade is
best.



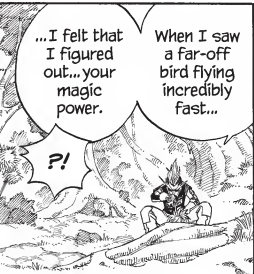
**I'm one of
the Oración
Seis!**

Young kids
always act
puffed up, and
that's okay.
But this time
you picked the
wrong guy
for that.



The six
pillars that
will never
crumble!

The six
demons!
The six
prayers!!



...I felt that
I figured
out... your
magic
power.

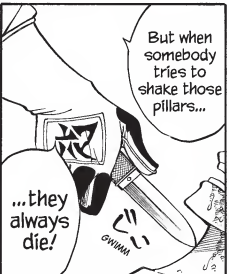
When I saw
a far-off
bird flying
incredibly
fast...

?!



I...
knew
it...

?



...they
always
die!

But when
somebody
tries to
shake those
pillars...

!!
GWHM



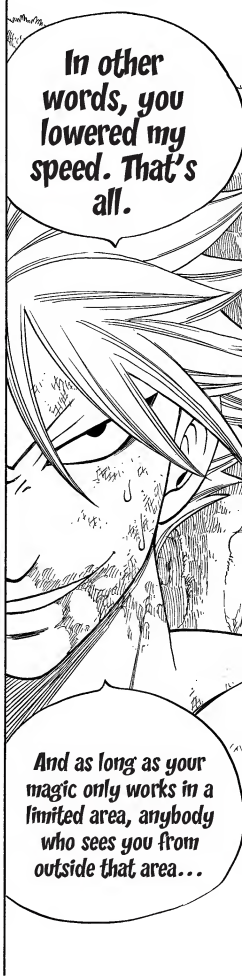
It reduces your
opponent's... Or
I should say the
speed of every-
thing else within
a certain area.



Your
magic
doesn't
raise your
speed at
all.



**...can take
away that
speed!**

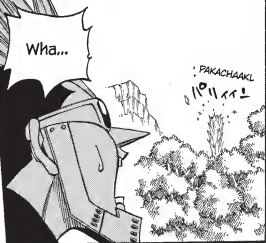


**In other
words, you
lowered my
speed. That's
all.**

**And as long as your
magic only works in a
limited area, anybody
who sees you from
outside that area...**



Th-That's
why you
ran as far
away from
him as you
could...?!



Wha...

PAKACHAAKL
01111111



Yes, he
can.



But at that
distance, he
can't possibly
hit me!!!



I see. Now
I can see
it all.



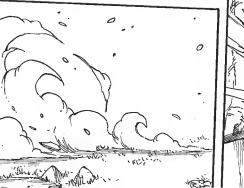
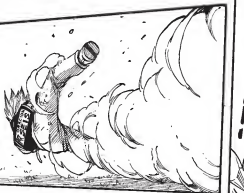
...
they're the
strongest
there is.



When Fairy
Tail wizards
put their
hearts into
it...

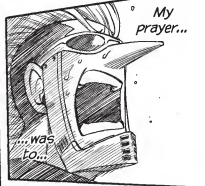


No
matter
what they
try to
do...



AAAAHHHH

!!!!



My prayer...

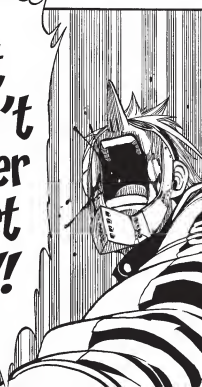
...was to...



...be the fastest ever...



**It
isn't
over
yet
!!!!**





Dammit

...

Slump

THUMP



You're kidding

...



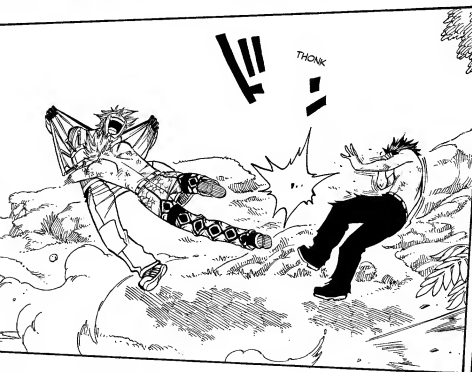
Those are explosive lacrima ?!!!



In the name of the Oración Seis!!!!

I swear I'm not going down alone !!!!

JARANG



THUNK

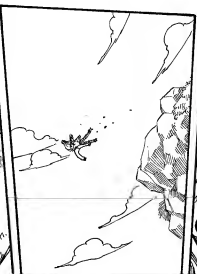
THUNK



I'm taking one of you with me!!!!



That kid'll be the death of



Lyon-sama !!!!



Lyon !!!

DOGWOOM







Okay...

...Father.

ORACIÓN SEIS
MIDNIGHT



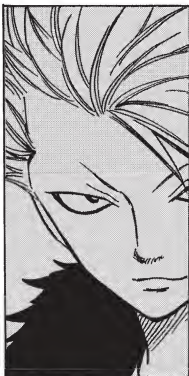
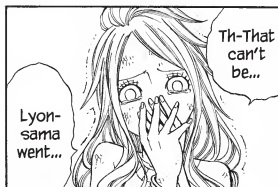
Full Moon

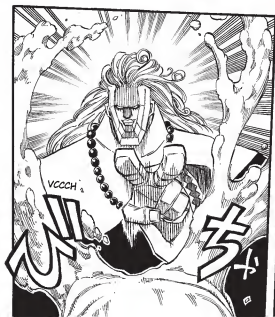
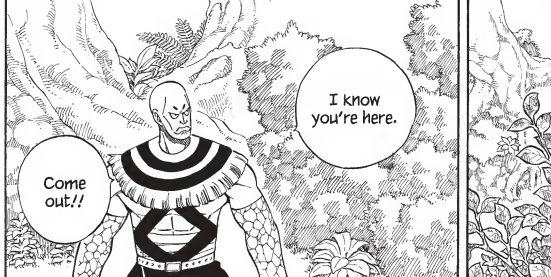


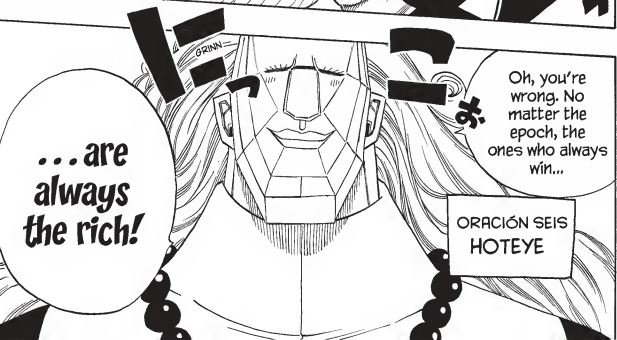
Chapter 141: Light

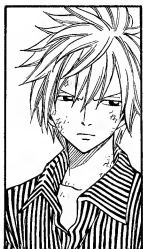


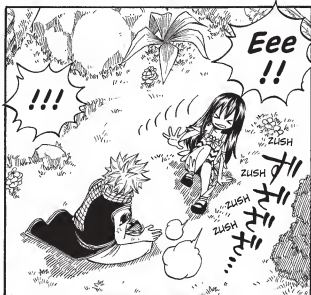
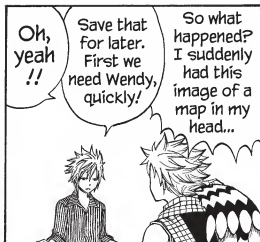
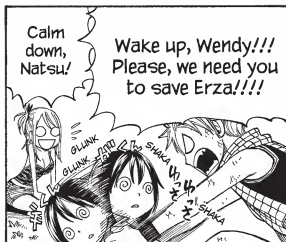
 FAIRYTAIL

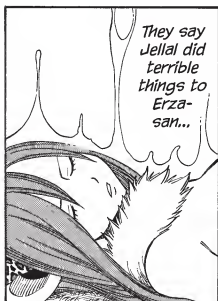
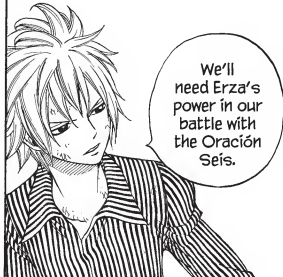


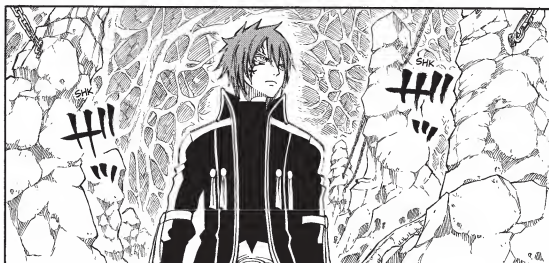
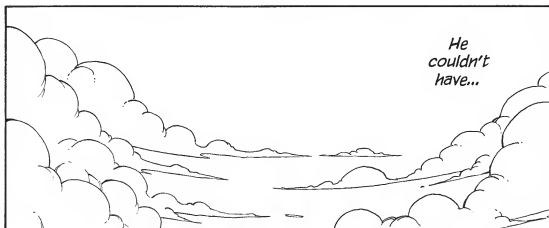


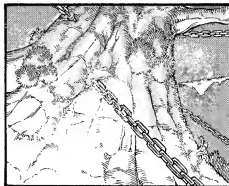
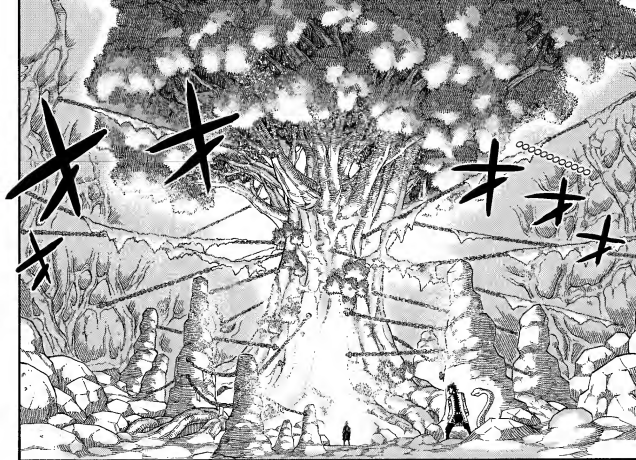


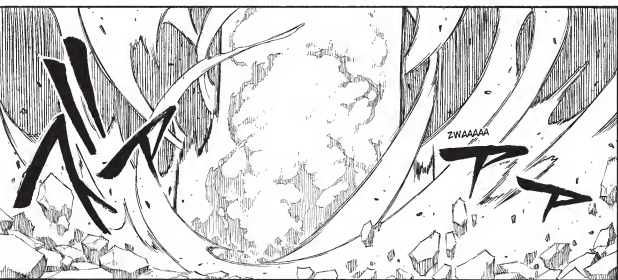


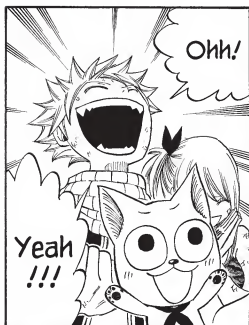


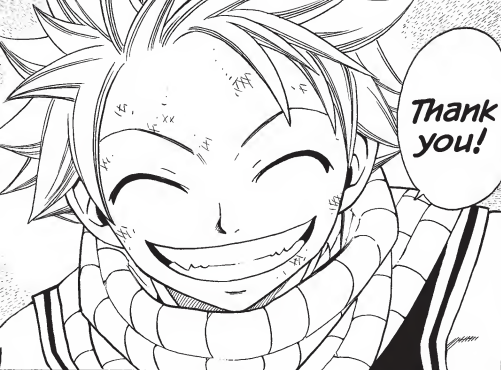














Now when Erza-san awakens, it'll be time for our counter-attack.



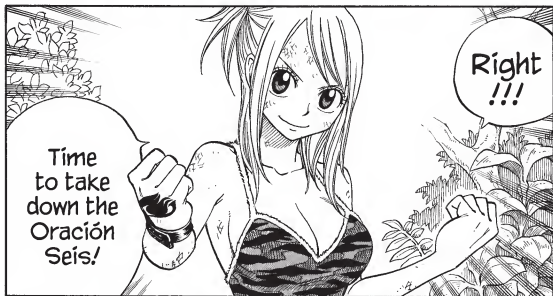
But what I did...



Don't worry about me!

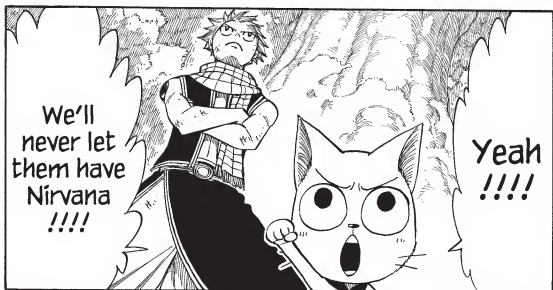


As you can see, this magic uses quite a lot of her magical strength.



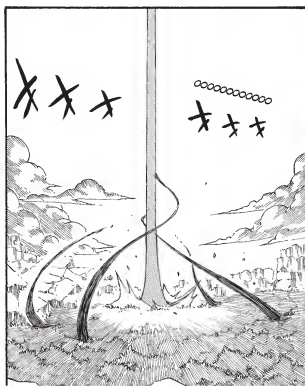
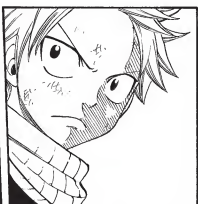
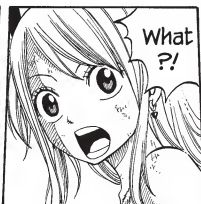
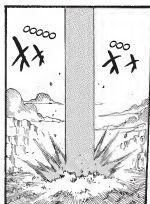
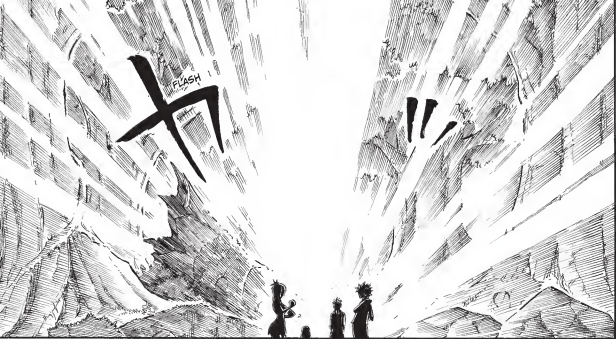
Time to take down the Oración Seis!

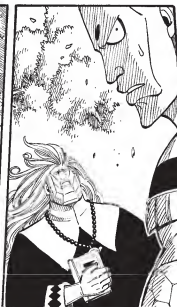
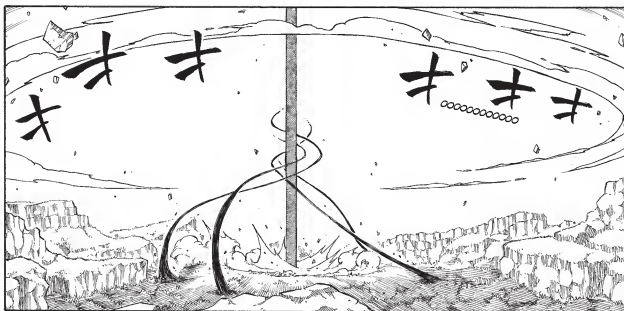
Right
!!!

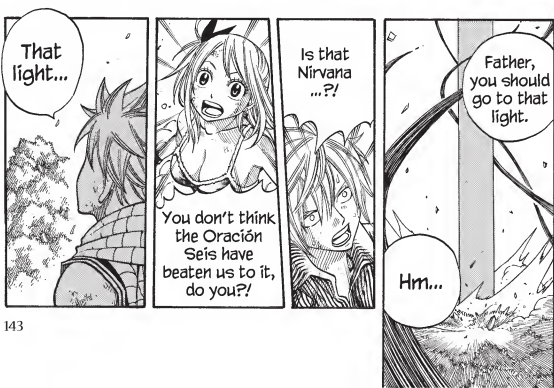
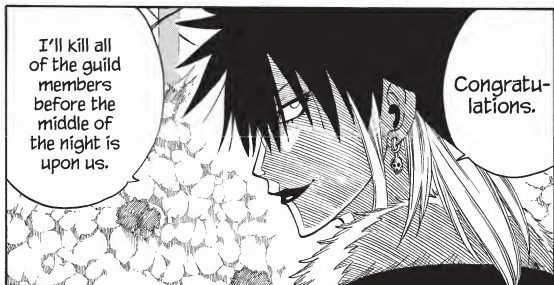
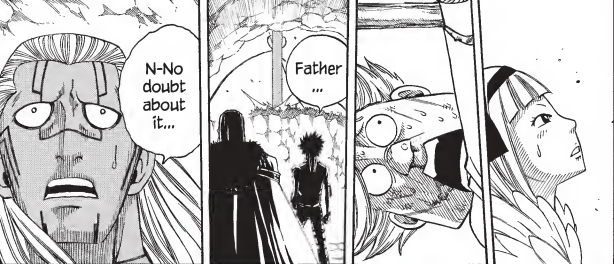


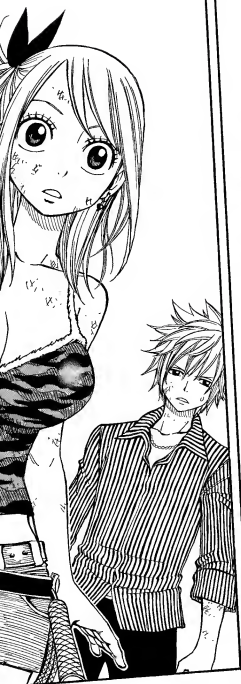
We'll never let them have Nirvana
!!!!

Yeah
!!!!





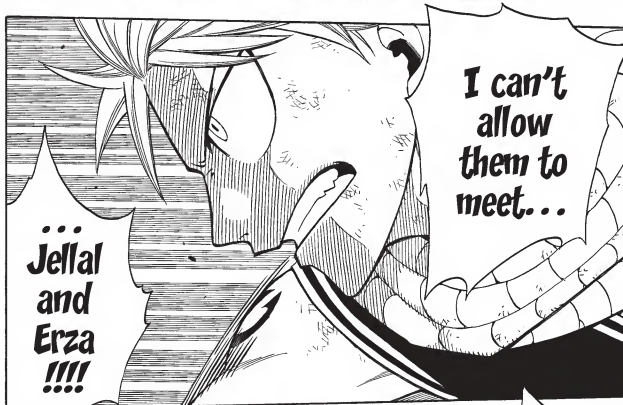




**That's
where
Jellal is
!!!!**



**What
do you
mean,
Jellal
?!!**



**...
Jellal
and
Erza
!!!!**



**...to
crush
him!!!!**

**I'm
going
...**

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

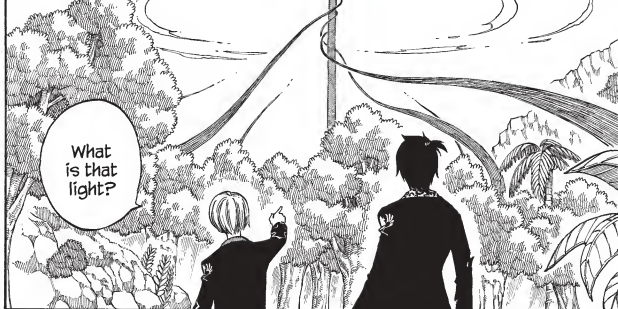


Remarks

An Air Magic wizard working at the Blue Pegasus guild. Air Magic allows one to send waves of air, steal the oxygen out of the air around one's opponent, and more. It's pretty difficult magic to face. He placed tanning lacrima in the guild's training gym and sauna, so his perfect tan is due to the guild's support and lacrima crystals.

A Tanning Lacrima is a magic item meant to give artificial sun tans. By adjusting the lacrima's memory, you can tan to any shade you want in five minutes. The dial can be set to some mysterious number like 61, 63, or 65. Ren's is set to 61 - 61.5.

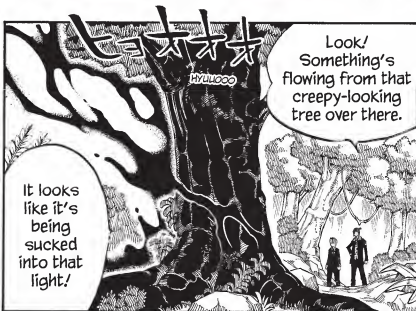
Chapter 142: Darkness



What
is that
light?



What's
going on
here?



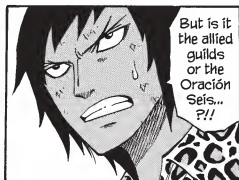
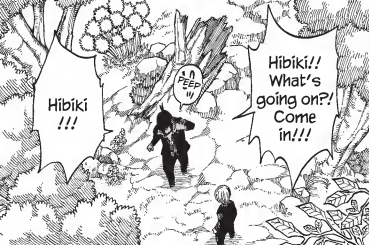
Look!
Something's
flowing from that
creepy-looking
tree over there.

It looks
like it's
being
sucked
into that
light!

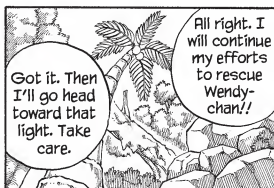


Then that
would mean
somebody's
already
discovered
where it is,
right?!!

It couldn't be
that Nirvana
is where that
light is, could
it?!!

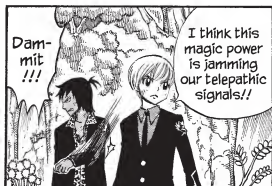


But is it
the allied
guilds or the
Oración
Seis...
?!!



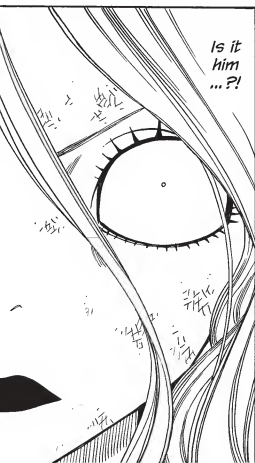
Got it. Then
I'll go head
toward that
light. Take
care.

All right. I
will continue
my efforts
to rescue
Wendy-
chan!!



Dam-
mit
!!!

I think this
magic power
is jamming
our telepathic
signals!!



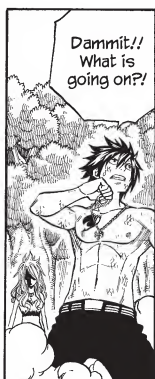
Is it
him
... ?!



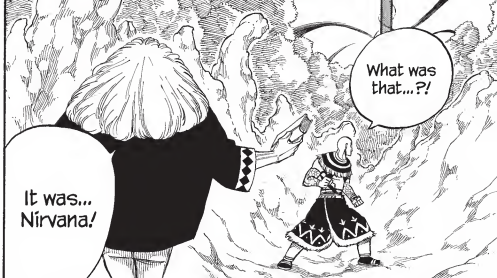
Lyon
!!!



Some-
body's
to blame
for what
hap-
pened
to Lyon-
sama...

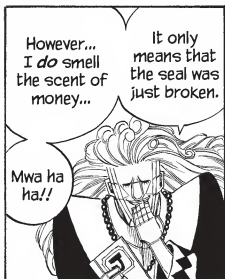


Dammit!!
What is
going on?!



It was...
Nirvana!

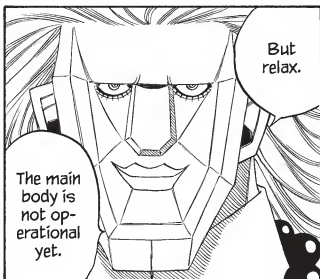
What was
that...?!



However...
I *do* smell
the scent of
money...

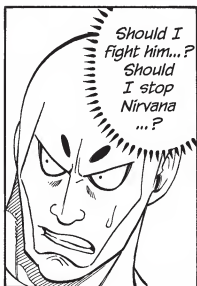
It only
means that
the seal was
just broken.

Mwa ha
ha!!

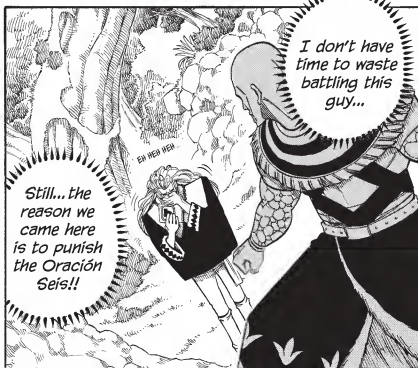


But
relax.

The main
body is
not op-
erational
yet.

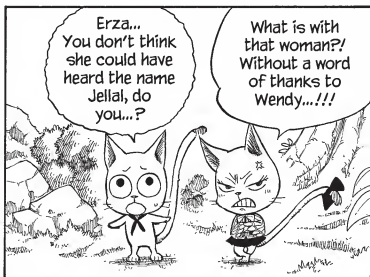
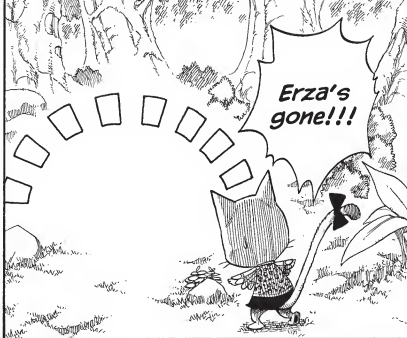


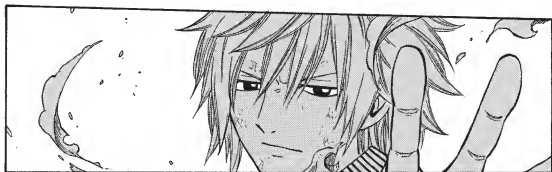
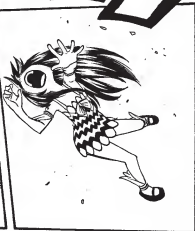
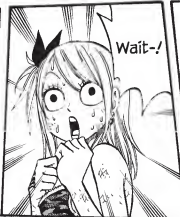
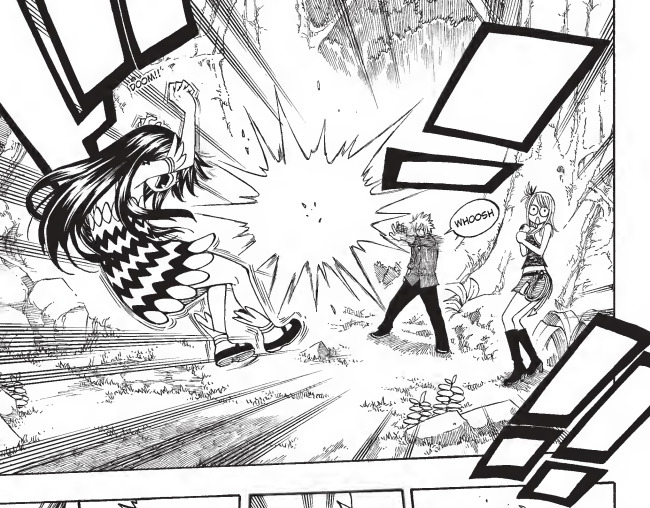
Should I
fight him...?
Should
I stop
Nirvana
...?



I don't have
time to waste
battling this
guy...

Still... the
reason we
came here
is to punish
the Oración
Seis!!







How dare you guys do that to Racer?!!

There's one!! He's one of Fairy Tail!!!



Jellal...



You're blocking me!



Get 'im!!!

Yeaah!!!

Racer saw to our guild personally, so now we'll show you the power of Harpyia Guild!!!





OUTTA
THE
WAY
!!!!
2222



You
won't
even get
close
!!!!

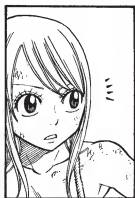


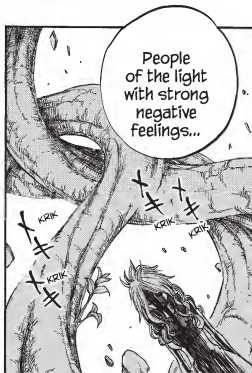
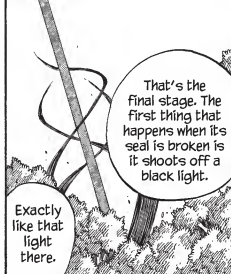
I can't let
him get
anywhere
near Erza!



GWAAAAAH!!







It's because emotions like guilt are negative feelings. If I hadn't put her out, she might have fallen into the darkness.

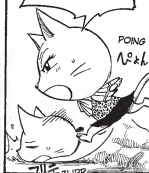


"It's because I cured Jellal..."



"It's all my fault..."

So that's why you made Wendy unconscious...



You really are an idiot!

What'll we do?! I don't get this!



If that rage was for the sake of someone else, then I couldn't say conclusively that it's a negative feeling.

I can't say...

Wait a second!! Wouldn't "rage" be the same? Then Natsu would be in danger, right?!!



When people start thinking in terms of good and evil, it brings on negative feelings without even intending it.

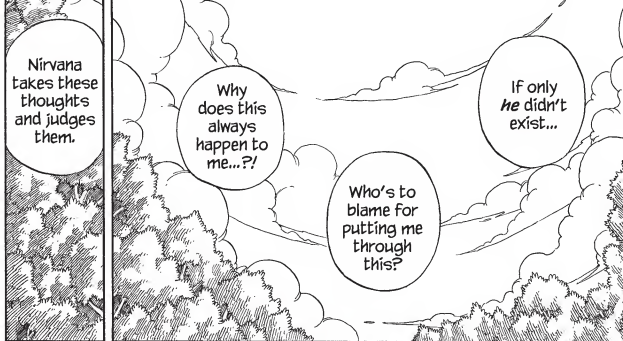
That's why I couldn't tell anyone about the magic.



...those whose hearts are moved by justice, or by evil, will find their personalities reversed.

In other words, when the seal was broken on Nirvana...





I have avenged you, Lyon-sama...

But who is next?
One of his cronies?
Those of Fairy Tail?

I have avenged you, Lyon-sama...

But who is next?
One of his cronies?
Those of Fairy Tail?



Monneeey
!!!!

Money
...!!!!

SHIVER
*****!!

Money
!!!

Money
!!!

Wh-
What is
going on
here...?

Money
...!!!!

SHIVER
*****!!

Money
!!!

Money
!!!

Wh-
What is
going on
here...?

Money
...!!!!

SHIVER
*****!!

Money
!!!

Money
!!!

Wh-
What is
going on
here...?

Money
...!!!!

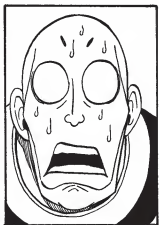
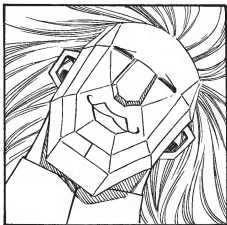
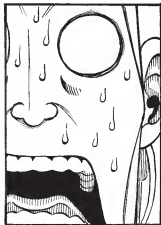
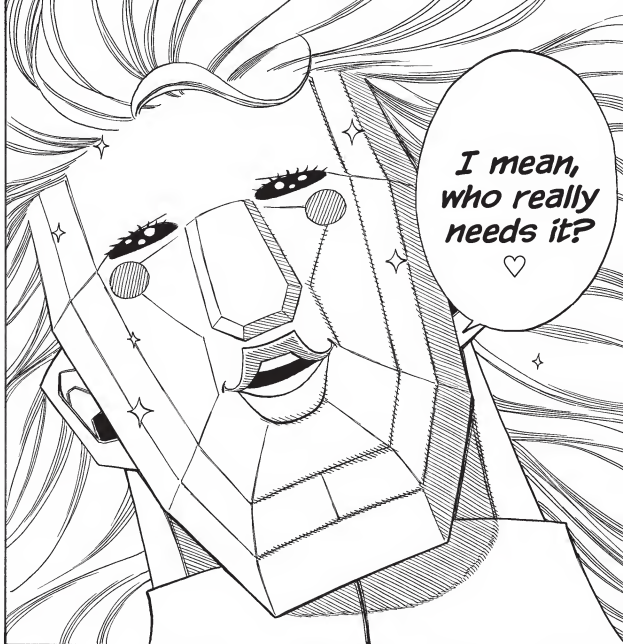
SHIVER
*****!!

Money
!!!

Money
!!!

Wh-
What is
going on
here...?

Ohhhhhhhh!!!





Now...I've also decided to foreswear war.

Eh...?



But...I've just realized what a mistake that is.

I've...been desperate to reunite with my brother after we were separated... I thought that if I had money, I could find him.



What a word that is! Overflowing with sweetness and compassion!

The world is filled with

Oh, love!!!
yes!!
Love!!!



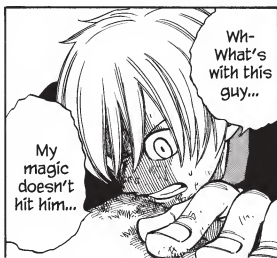
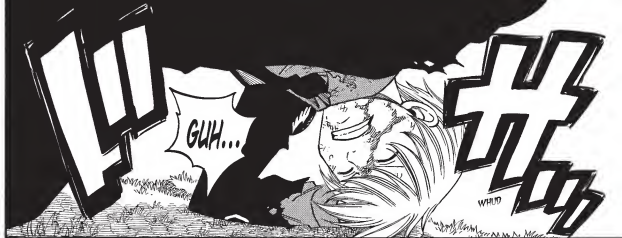
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Um...

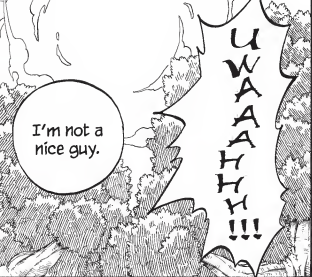


We shall give them lessons in the wonders of love!!!

Now...we shall go together to stop the plans of my former fellows!!!

And as long as there is love in the world, nothing is impossible!!!







That
can be easily
accomplished
with Nirvana.

...members of
the guild might
unscrupulously
kill their
comrades

...or
the guild
might attack
another for
no reason.



**Unless
we stop it
quickly...**

**...all the
guilds of
light will be
wiped out!**

FAIRY TAIL

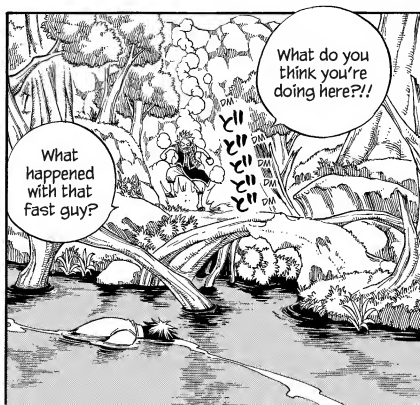
フェアリーテール



Chapter 143: Celestial Spirit Brawl

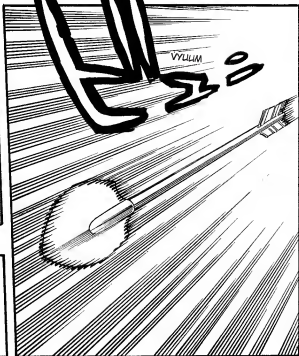
Remarks

The magic of this recent arrival to the Blue Pegasus guild is powerful enough to turn everything visible into a winter wonderland in an instant. His attacks use "snow rocks" and cause avalanches. Before joining the guild, he interned with the Magic Council's enforcement and investigation squad, the Rune Knights. But when the Council was disbanded in disgrace, Eve realized that he needed a new future and decided to enter a guild.











It's stopped, so pull yourself together !!!

It's... moving... and rocking... and rocking me...



Wh-What's this supposed to mean? That Gray has fallen into darkness...?



Lu...cy...

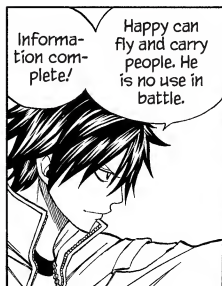
You stay out of this, Lucy!



Hmph!



Natsu!! I'll save you!!!



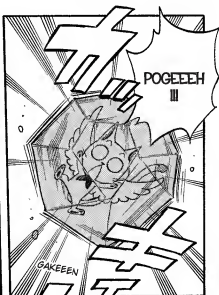
Information complete!

Happy can fly and carry people. He is no use in battle.



What did you do to Happy?!

Male cat!!





*Lucy through
Gray's eyes. A new
guild member that's
his type, so he finds
her attractive.*

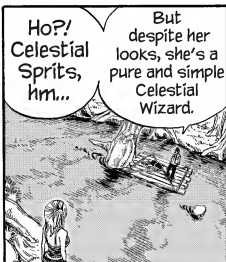
He's
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into
dark-
ness...

What are
you talk-
ing about?
Gray... Snap
out of it...



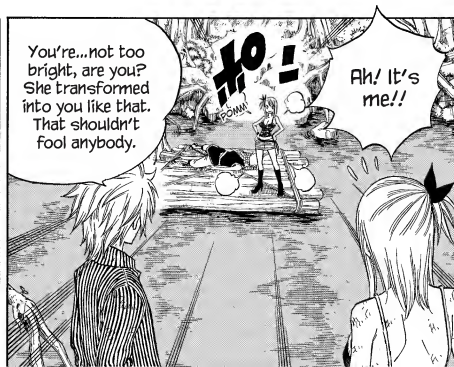
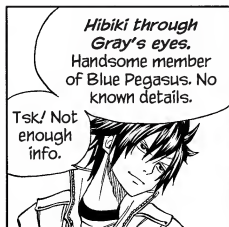
Ho?!
Celestial
Sprits,
hm...

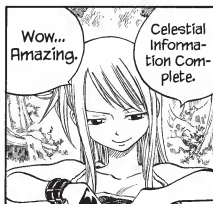
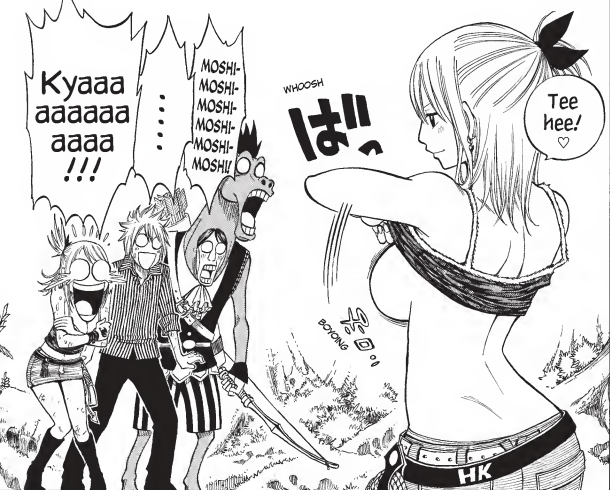
But
despite her
looks, she's a
pure and simple
Celestial
Wizard.

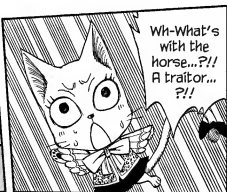


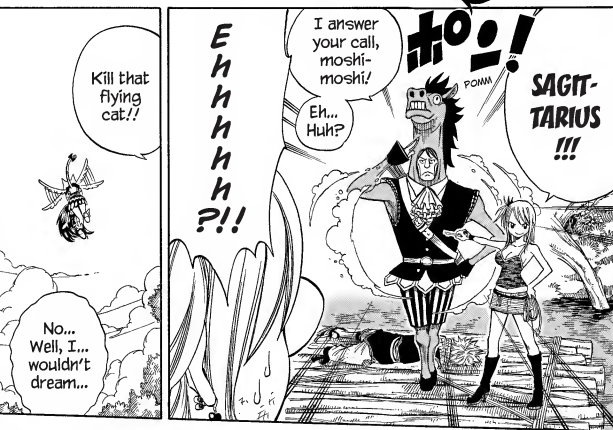
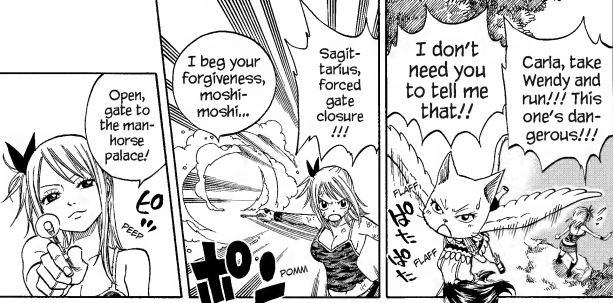
I'm
wrong...













Oh, whatever! Now that they've found Nirvana, this kid's usefulness is over anyway.



Urg-urg-urg...

Hurry up and shoot that cat !!!



But...



Hiii, Lucy-chan!

Angel-chan has arrived!

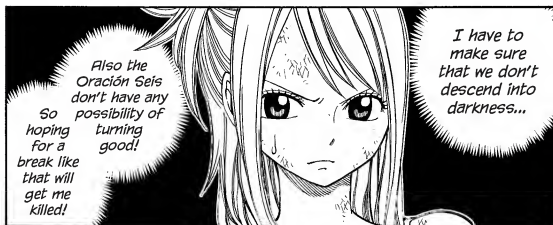
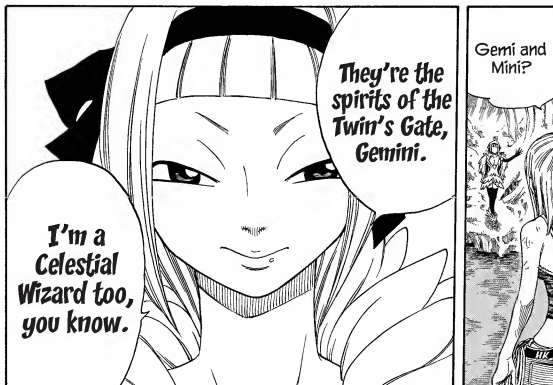
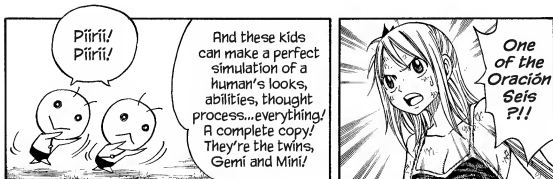


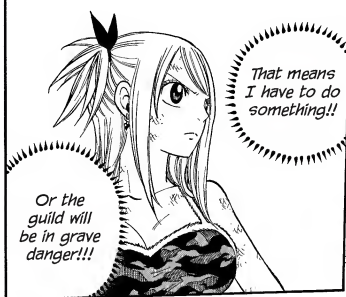
Uwaah !!

That's right!



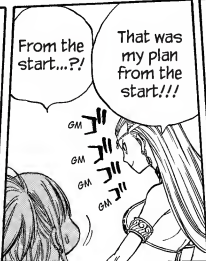
Piiiii!!
Piiiii!







Everybody's
going down
together
!!!!

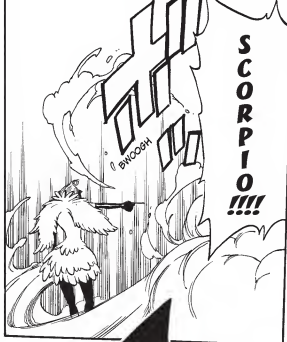


From the
start...?!

That was
my plan
from the
start!!!



Get her!!! Get me
along with her if
you have to!!!!



SCORPIO
!!!!



One
of the
twelve
gold
keys
?!!



Eh?

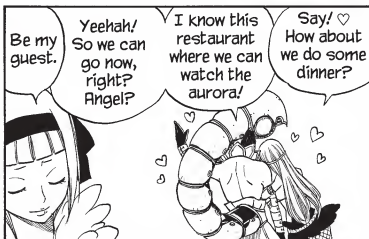
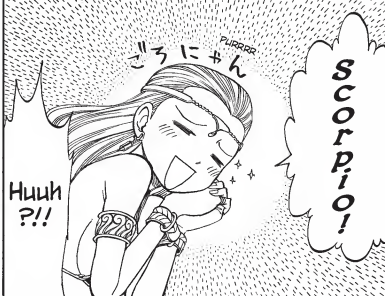


Open,
Gate of the
Scorpion
Palace!



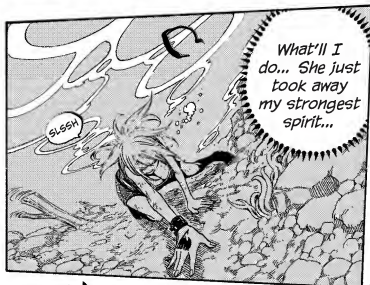
**Yee-
haah**
!!!!

Yay
!!!!

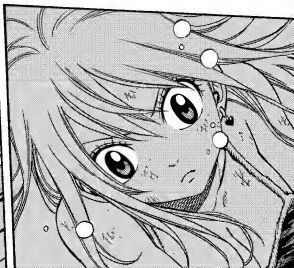


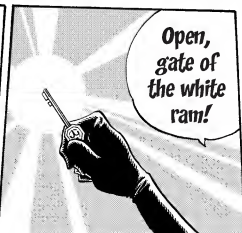


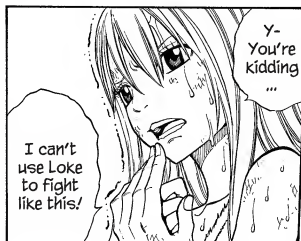
If you don't know the compatibilities between Celestial Spirits, little girl, you'll never beat me, you know!



No... I've got one more!!!

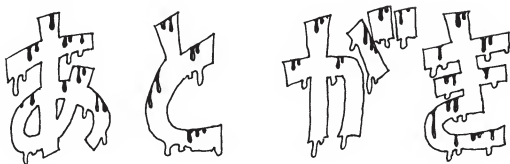






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Afterword



"You look like a criminal in your picture for Volume 16!!" is how everyone around me criticized the picture. So this time, you get my regular face... or so I thought, but I can't seem to get a good picture! For some reason, I seem to be in the habit of scowling whenever a picture is taken. Since what seems like forever, people have said that I've got an evil look in my eyes, and when a picture is being taken, it only seems to get worse. So how does a person come up with a natural-looking smile? It's hard!

On a different subject, here in Volume 17, I did it again. An earth-shaking twist!! Jellal's back....!! Yeah, sorry about that. I just wasn't thinking ahead. (laughs) but when I say things like, "I just wasn't thinking ahead," I get letters from fans telling me that when I say such things, it makes them uneasy. I guess so... I guess any fan would feel uneasy when the author of a work they love is an airheaded idiot. I know I say, "I wasn't thinking ahead," or, "I don't know myself what's coming up in the future," but to be a stickler with words, what I really mean is, **"I haven't quite decided which future to choose."** That would be closer to the reality of the situation. With every new plot twist, it presents a number of different possibilities for the story to run. For example, with Jellal back in the picture, I have come up with three different ways that the big picture can play out. I also have come up with quite a few different ways the story will flow until it gets to those three conclusions. This is how I usually work, imagining a wide variety of possibilities. So please, don't worry. I'm busy every day, worrying over the best way to create a fun, engaging manga that will meet everybody's expectations. Well... There are still times when my mind is a complete blank, but you know how it is.

EMERGENCY REQUEST! EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIES OF FAIRYTAIL



: We're here in the "Emergency Request!" Explain the Mysteries of Fairy Tail! come!!



: I've thought this a bunch of times before, but we actually don't explain all that many mysteries here.

Lucy: Don't say that out loud!!

Mira: Here's the first question for this time.

Why is Happy's stomach in Volume 16 blue instead of white?

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: Th-That's just a mistake, right? And this isn't so much a question as pointing out the mistake.

Mira: There!! We've explained a mystery! Ding, ding!

Lucy:

Mira: Continuing on, this is the next question.

Has Elfman now learned to do Satan Soul?



Lucy: I wonder. Well, Mira-san? As his sister, what do you say?



: Not a chance.



: Whoa!! A decisive rejection!

Mira: That isn't what I mean. We each have separate and different magics. Even if they're similar.

Lucy: Eh? Is that right?

Mira: What my sister, Lisanna, used was *Animal Soul*. A Takeover using the power of animals.



: Really?

Mira: Elfman's is *Beast Soul*. It's a Takeover using the power of a monster.

Lucy: Uh-huh, uh-huh.

Mira: And mine is *Satan Soul*, a Takeover using the power of a devil.

Lucy: That certainly makes everybody seem different. But are monsters and devils in different categories?

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Continued from the left-hand page.



: We've explained a mystery! Ding, ding!



: And we have her signature, ignoring Lucy's question!

Mira: Time for the next question.

Most of the names of guilds so far have used the names of mythical beasts, but what's the meaning of Oración Seis?



Lucy: If you want a literal translation:

Oración = Prayer
Seis = Six
That's what the words mean.

Mira: So the meaning of the name is, "Six Prayers"?

Lucy: There's no mythical beast name in that guild though, huh?

Mira: Oh? Sure there is!

Like Cobra, for example.



: That isn't the name of a guild! And it isn't a mythical beast either!!!



: We've explained a mystery! Ding, ding!

Lucy: A-And...the final question.

Please tell me who Lucy is in love with.



Mira: I'd like to know, myself.

Lucy: There's nobody with that distinction.



: We've explained a mystery! Ding, ding!



: What? There's so little interest? But, wait! What's that "Ding, ding," thing you do every time?!



Mira: Ah? Whatever are you talking about?



: I can't understand why you'd play dumb about that...



Mira: Eh heh heh! Well, for example, even if it's something of a dubious answer, if I say that at the end, it sounds like the mystery's been explained, right?



Lucy: Just some psychological trick?



: We've explained a mystery! Brinning!



: Suddenly it changes!!!

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FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART



Shizuoka Prefecture, Haruka Hirayama

▼ Sherry with a makeover. I wonder if she'll show up a lot?



Tokyo, Italo

▼ His face is so big. It's blushing out of the card!



Tokyo, Leo

▼ I've gotten lots of Wendy illustrations!!



Tokyo, Kichi Toyoda

▼ This is rather cute. It sort of brings a healing feeling.



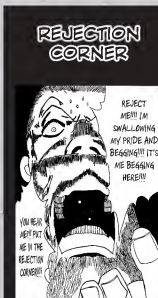
Saitama Prefecture, Arisu Ama

▼ It's scary, but a kind of cute Galgal.



Osaka, Nonno-chan

▼ The first Aries artwork is a while! Whose? Happen to her next volume?



Nara Prefecture, Yama-san

▲ Yeah, I didn't mean to, but I laughed. O-Dammit... Ha ha na...



Osaka, Marika Tanioka

▼ This one's so cute. I have to put it in here!



Chiyama Prefecture, Ryota Kudo

▼ Laxus and Natsu. I wonder if they're going to fight again.



Osaka, Kaito ★

▼ Short-bangs Angel. Give my regards to Gemini.



Nara Prefecture, Shin Yamaguchi

▼ And so sticky after her first appearance is a cute picture. She's looking amazing!



Hyogo Prefecture, Masaru

▼ An answered Mardias. Just what kind of power does he have?



Niigata Prefecture, Nakamichi

▼ Cofre so popular! Scary!



THE STRONGEST TEAM

Shizuoka Prefecture, Kumi Katsari

▼ He's scary is way too long!

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Translation Notes:

Page 6, All's fair in money and war

Hoteye has an obsession with money, and as such, he tends to confuse classic proverbs by adding the word money in place of the original word. In Japanese, he took the proverb, *Koi ni jouge no hetate-nashi* ("Love doesn't recognize any higher or lower ranks") and changed the word for love, *koi*, to money, *okane*, to make his new proverb. This translation took an English proverb that also involved love (and the general idea) and substituted in "money."

Page 24, Priestess receiving the words of the Gods

In Japanese they were referring to the *miko* of ancient Japan who, unlike their modern counterparts, were the main priestesses of the Shinto religion. The first *miko* recorded is the Empress Himiko of the third-century Japanese country of Yamatai described in a small section of the Chinese epic, Romance of the Three Kingdoms.



Page 119, I'm taking you with me!

What he said in Japanese was a phrase (*ichinin-issatsu* or "One Man, One Kill") that is one of the slogans for the radical, ultra-nationalist right-wing extreme of Japanese politics. The movement espouses some violent ideals such as dying in order to kill someone else (*ichinin-issatsu*), and killing one for the good of many, (*issatsu-tashô*). On a lighter note, Japanese baseball has taken this same term of *ichinin-issatsu* to describe a relief pitcher who is called in to face one and only one batter before the next relief pitcher is brought in.

Page 183, There it comes

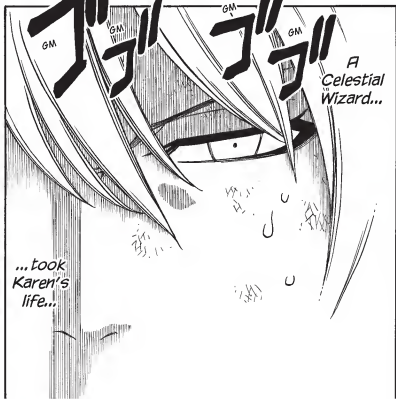
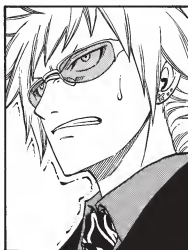
In Japanese, Lucy used the now-famous Japanese phrase *Kitaaaaa!* to describe the scene with Scorpio. The phrase which literally means "He/She/It is here!" was popularized by the novel-cum-entertainment phenomenon *Densha Otoko* (Trainman). Although the Trainman fad has come and gone, the phrase still survives. I can't say I'm exactly sure just what Lucy is referring to. It could be the hand gestures which resemble the hand gestures of some good-looking Japanese male pop idols and celebrities. Or it could be the "boyfriend" himself.

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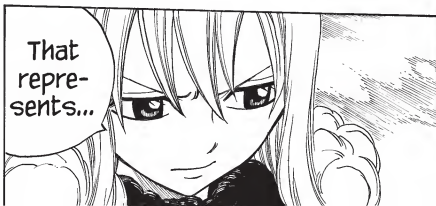
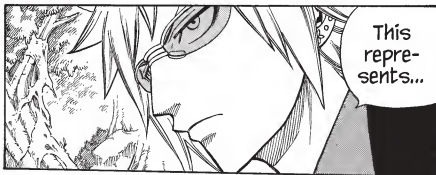
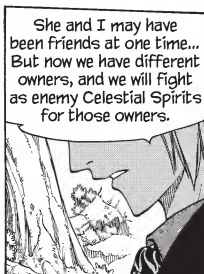




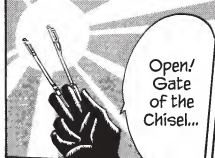
I'm sorry to do this so soon after you just saw her again, but...



Dammit!
I can't...
I can't think of that...







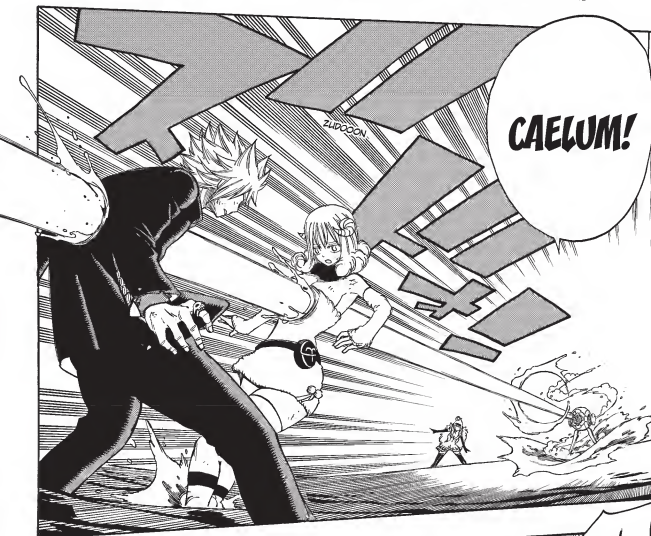
Open!
Gate
of the
Chisel...



CHING

Right!

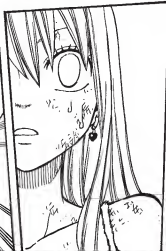
No... I
suppose she
is a bad match
for a battle-use
Celestial Spirit
like Loke...



CAELUM!



Ah ha ha!!
Nicely
done!



Iguh
...



Gah!

You don't have much magic power to start with, and there you go using it all up.

I...

HAHH
HAHH

Ник?

Eh?

PLASH

三才

Agh!

That
can't be
true...

НАНН

НАНН

GAKAK KAK KAK

Аи ха
ха ха
ха!

Ahh!

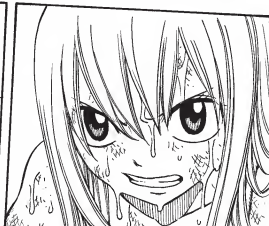
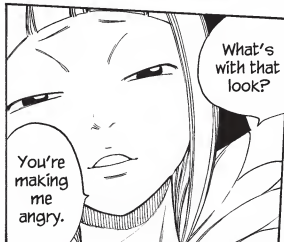
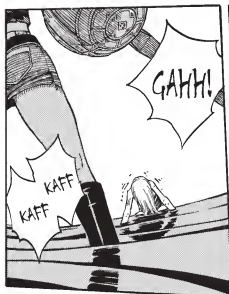
On—

Now
you've gone
and killed
yourself.
What an
absolute
fool!

CRACK

WHLID

ZUGAN







The only ones
who can give
them that is
us Celestial
Wizards. Just
us...

Let her be
together with
Loke...



I'll give you
whatever you
want... Not
my keys,
but anything
else!!!



With
nothing
in it for
me?



Gemini,
kill her.



Fine.
Your
life.

ATTACK on TITAN

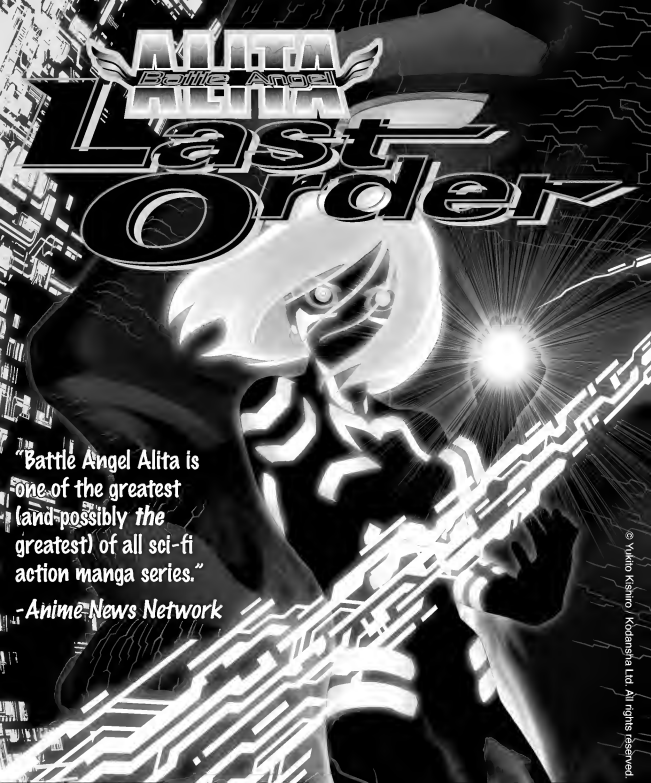


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